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» Torres: Live-fire bombing and training 'incompatible' with Covenant and technical agreements

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Tuesday that the "Section 902" talks with federal officials including those from the Department of Defense are not a matter of give-and-take and said that for any new Defense projects to move forward in the CNMI, existing "promises and contracts" must be fulfilled.

Torres

Torres was pointing to the CNMI Covenant, which established a relationship with the United States, and the technical agreement effected at the same time that spelled out the U.S. use of land leased to it.

"We have an existing contract.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second right, Kensington Hotel president and general manager Matthew Park, fourth left, and Saipan Southern High School principal Martha Kintol, third left, shovel sand to lead yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony of SSHS' stage project. Others in the photo are, from left, Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan), H&H Construction's Herman Sablan, Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan), SSHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association vice president Velma H. Sanchez, PTSA president Glenna SP Reyes, Public School System-CIP program coordinator Rachel Fusco, PSS acting commissioner Glenn Muna, and MDA's Abul Bashar.

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Hegland: Soudelor anniversary to provide healing

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The Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts is already planning various activities to commemorate the first year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor.

CARE director Jenny Hegland said the anniversary would help the people of Saipan heal. The island was the hardest hit by the typhoon in Aug. 2, 2015.

"This anniversary will be a vital opportunity for healing and community-building. It will also be an important time to honor the resiliency and strength we have embodied," said Hegland in an email.

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CUC still working on Feeder 4 issues

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is looking to get down to the "root causes" of blackouts that have frequented its "Feeder 4" area of the island recently, according to CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho.

Some have complained that the blackouts at nights and unreliability of power over the last weeks were comparable to post-Typhoon Soudelor.

"Feeder 4 is fine. There are some issues," Camacho said. "We've done some more work over the mid last week to make a determination as to

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Mario Hardy, chief executive officer of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, visited Saipan last May 23 following PATA's Annual Summit in Guam.

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Tour bus driver gets 30 years in jail for raping 12-year-old girl

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday slapped a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment against Hank Kenney Peredo Taitano, a 37-year-old tour bus driver who was convicted for raping in 2014 a then-12-year-old girl, who became pregnant and delivered a baby last year.

Camacho ordered Taitano to immediately serve the 30-year jail term day to day without the possibility of parole, early release, and work or weekend release.

Taitano was given credit for time served. He was ordered to register as a sex offender.

Camacho said the victim, her family, and most especially the baby boy have nothing to be ashamed of as in this crime Taitano is 100 percent at fault.

"The pain and hurt of what Hank Taitano did is real, the responsibility for what Hank Taitano did is completely on Hank Taitano. No one else is to blame," the judge pointed out.

Camacho said with the maximum sentence, Taitano will never hurt anyone anymore for the next 30 years.

Camacho asked the victim and her family to look to each other for love and support.

» Girl gave birth to a boy in 2015

"Be strong, and love this baby boy with all your heart," he said. "It is the hope of this court that perhaps for the victim and her family the healing can begin."

The victim, her mother, and other family members were seen crying in the courtroom during the sentencing.

Camacho said the victim, who is now 14 years old, wrote a hand-written letter detailing the physical and mental suffering she endures because of the sexual abuse and the public ridicule of being impregnated by Taitano.

Camacho said because of the sexual abuse, the victim has considered suicide and that the sexual abuse will affect her for the rest of her life.

The judge said the victim's mother also wrote a letter, telling how she suffers emotionally yet she does her best to be strong for her daughter as well as for the baby.

Camacho said as the victim's mother stated in her letter the victim has to be strong for her son…"yes, she will never forget because every time she (victim) looks at her son she thinks of what that monster did to her."

The victim's mother asked the court to impose justice for the damage that Taitano has wreaked on the victim and the whole family.

The victim's stepfather also continues to suffer emotionally and asked the court to impose the maximum possible sentence.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley, counsel for the government, recommended the maximum 30-year prison term. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Taitano, recommended a sentence of 15 years imprisonment.

Marshal and probation officers had to stop the victim's emotional stepfather, who was pissed off and tried to approach Taitano when the latter addressed the court, basically blaming the girl and stated that, "one day the truth will come out."

The stepfather, who raised the victim since she was 6 years old, spoke on behalf of the victim or the victim's family.

According to court records, Taitano fathered four children from different women. The baby adds another child to his list.

When the victim was 12 years old, Taitano, who just came from Japan, sexually abused her. The sexual assault resulted in Taitano impregnating the girl. Nine months later, she gave birth to the baby.

In December 2014, police arrested Taitano.

In June 2015, a Superior Court jury reached a unanimous verdict finding Taitano guilty as to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

The girl's parents learned about the rape when they noticed that the girl's stomach was getting bigger.

During a checkup on Nov. 28, 2014, the doctor told the mother and her husband that the girl at that time was four months pregnant.

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Pacifica Insurance has donated $10,000 as a hole-in-one prize for the HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament slated for June 18, 2016, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Pictured from left are HANMI Golf Committee member Steve Balakrishna, Pacifica Insurance's Keomi Palacios, HANMI Golf Committee chair Paul Park, Pacifica Insurance's Jedderlyn Domingo, and Golf Committee member Franco Santos. The donation was made on June 7, 2016, at the Pacifica Insurance office on Saipan.

NMI's Heo, colleagues win national journalism award

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Heo

Former Saipan resident Ji Hoon Heo joined five other journalism students from University of Mississippi in becoming one of the winners of the 2015 Mark of Excellence national award given by the Society of Professional Journalists, the oldest and largest journalism society in the country.

The six students are from Ole Miss' Meek School of Journalism and New Media. The award is for Best Use of Multimedia by college student journalists for their coverage of Hurricane Katrina's 10th year anniversary of slamming the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Brittany Clark of Redondo Beach in California, and seniors Payton Green from Pascagoula, Pass Christian's Sereena Henderson, Maggie McDaniel from Augusta in Georgia, and Quinton Oliver Smith from Eagle River in Alaska joined graduate student Heo in the MS-Katrina project team.

Heo, in a story posted on Ole Miss' website, said he had experienced strong typhoons as he grew up in one of the islands of the CNMI in the Western Pacific, but "never anything like Hurricane Katrina."

"I remember hearing about it on the news when I was a kid, but I wasn't aware of the details until I came to Mississippi. That's when I heard the raw stories about [Hurricane] Katrina," said Heo, a many time CNMI national tennis team member.

"I'm thankful that we won this award and have such a great support system in our journalism school that allows us to produce good content," he added.

Journalism professors Nancy Dupont and Deb Wenger advised the group and also led their trip to the site hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast last fall.

Dupont said she and her students Green and Henderson, being native of the Gulf Coast, "knew the initial effects" of one of the most devastating hurricanes in the United States.

"So much focus was on New Orleans with the 10th anniversary approaching [last year]. We at the University of Mississippi wanted to focus on Mississippi and we found fantastic stories of people who rebuilt their businesses, churches and their lives," said Dupont.

Tourism rebuilding, a lone house left standing in a neighborhood, a memorial service, and an appearance by former president George W. Bush were the stories the MSKatrina project team covered.

"It's one thing for us in the Meek School to think our students are doing excellent work, but it's another entirely for professionals to review the work and agree," Dupont said. "It validates our efforts, brings honor to our students and puts the Meek School in the national spotlight."

The 2015 Mark of Excellence national award honors the best student journalists in the large and small school divisions in the country whether in newspapers, magazines, art/graphics, radio, television, and online.

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Guam Catholics distressed but strong after abuse allegations

HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — Members of the Catholic church in Guam are reacting with devastation to the accusations that Archbishop Anthony Apuron sexually abused young boys decades ago, but they're saying they're still resilient in their faith.

"Everybody's talking about it. It's causing a lot of mistrust, anger, and pointing fingers. It's devastating," said Patricia Perry, 73.

"We're neighbors. We grew up together. It's very conflicting to believe anything," Perry said. "I just can't see the archbishop doing those things."

Pope Francis on Monday named Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai to take over the Hagatna archdiocese after abuse allegations against Apuron resurfaced in recent weeks. A church deacon publicly accused Apuron of keeping the archdiocese's sex abuse policy weak to protect himself.

Apuron

In a prayer meeting with clergy and faithful in a packed church on Thursday, Hon sought cooperation and said he was following the Holy Father's instructions to restore unity, harmony and stability in the local church. Apuron will continue to hold his title, but any decisions are removed from him, Hon said.

"There are different issues from different groups and we have to address them," Hon said. "But if these issues are addressed in a climate of serenity, and prayer, resolutions can be better accepted by all."

Apuron has denied the allegations and insisted he's a victim of a campaign to oust him. He signed a decree on the eve of his demotion prohibiting associating with Catholic groups who are critical of his leadership. But Hon told The Associated Press he wouldn't enforce that decree.

The group Concerned Catholics of Guam, which has been critical of Apuron, will continue protesting until Apuron is removed from his post, said Tim Rohr, a Catholic blogger.

"His guilt is irrefutable. There is no question," Rohr said.

Concerned Catholics of Guam had taken out full-page ads in both major Guam newspapers asking victims of sex abuse to call so that they don't have to suffer in silence. In recent weeks, two men and their families have come forward to accuse the archbishop of sexual assault while they were minors in the 1970s, Rohr said. The mother of a third man, who is now dead, also made an accusation.

Father Jeff San Nicolas, principal of Father Duenas Memorial School, said he was hopeful after hearing Hon's plans to unify the church at the prayer meeting.

"The truth will prevail is how I see it," Perry said. "I will never leave the cathedral. I will never leave my Catholic church."

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Torres: PTSA leadership made stage happen

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The leadership of Saipan Southern High School's Parent-Teacher-Student Association made the school's stage facility project happen, this according to officials that attended yesterday's groundbreaking ceremony.

The area where the stage will be built, which measures 29 feet by 50 feet, was marked and yellow tape put around it. The stage, which is expected to be completed before the opening of school year 2017, is located at the back of Buildings C and just across Buildings A and B.

Markers greeted Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Public School System acting commissioner Glenn Muna, PSS Capital Improvement Project program coordinator Rachel Fusco, SSHS principal Martha Kintol, and E-Land and Kensingon Hotel officials Matthew Park and Debra Inos.

Torres made special mention that the project was made possible by the four female members of SSHS' PTSA—president Glenna SP Reyes, vice president Velma H. Sanchez, secretary Dora Miura, and treasurer Velma I. Mafnas.

"I would like to take a note that the project was led by an all-female group," said Torres that drew smiles and laughs from the small crows that gathered to witness the groundbreaking ceremony.

"This is a blessing for SSHS to have a persistent PTSA. It would be a great opportunity for all the Southern students to use the facility and it is something to look forward to in the next graduation."

Muna also commended the PTSA officers for not giving up on the project. "It was three years ago that we had a discussion of the project. The PTSA [of SSHS] met with the board but we were reluctant to give them the blessing unless there's funding available."

"They regrouped and started looking for ways to make the project possible. They finally convinced us and now we're looking forward for August and to finally use the scissors for the ribbon cutting ceremony," said Muna.

SSHS principal Martha Kintol also recognized the PTSA leadership for spearheading the project. "We won't be here if not for them but there's a whole lot more what they did for the school. The students are all excited for this project."

"One student even came in to my office one day and asked me 'so Miss Kintol, the stage is really going to be built?' I have a lot of dreams for the school, and I'm saying to Gov. Torres, Sen. [Sixto] Igisomar, and Rep. [Joseph] Leepan Guerrero thank you in advance for future projects."

E-Land Group partnered with SSHS in the project by donating $48,500 to finance the construction of the stage. H&H Construction, the contractor for the project, and MDA Enterprises also did their share and contributed more.

An additional 5 feet by 6 feet toilet and shower room, two 18K BTU air conditioning units, four lockers, a drinking fountain, three folding tables, 10 cushioned chairs, special lighting fixture for stage area, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and cleaning and maintenance materials were H&H and MDA's contributions.

In addition, H&H would construct a 3-foot wide concrete sidewalk around the stage facility, installation of rain and sun blockers on both sides of the stage, landscaping with plants and flowers surrounding the facility, and donating cleaning and maintenance materials.

SSHS and E-Land signed their partnership last June 7. E-Land, which also owns Coral Ocean Golf Resort, has made its presence felt within the surrounding area of the school as they had maintained and repaired two bus shelters and built the Unai Dankulo Beach Park Pavilion.

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That needs to be fulfilled, before you start proposing anything else. That's what we want. Nothing more, nothing else," Torres told reporters Tuesday.

The Torres administration believes the proposed live-fire and bombing range use of public lands leased on Tinian would have to be "reworked" to become compatible with the "purposes for which the land was leased," as spelled out in the CNMI Covenant and the technical agreement with the U.S. on the use of land leased to them.

Noting these binding documents, Torres referred to "economic promises" and the two-thirds of land leased to the military on Tinian to build an airbase, build schools, hospitals, "even as much as a movie theater."

Asked if he though the live-fire project—which also entails bombing Pagan—was incompatible or in conflict with these agreements and if he made this clear in meetings with officials in Washington, D.C., Torres said, "For sure."

"What we agreed on is specifically stated… We emphasized this is one of the reasons why we joined the U.S. family. We have an agreement and we want that agreement fulfilled before we move to any other proposed projects."

Pagan, for one, was not required to be leased to the United States and Torres asserts that the CNMI has no real interest in leasing or selling portions of the island for military training purposes.

Right now, Torres said there are in the final stages of "programmatic agreement" for the U.S. Air Force's divert airfield project, which Torres has stressed to be on Tinian.

DENNIS B. CHAN
Gov. Ralph DLG Torres talks to reporters during a briefing Tuesday about last week's 902 talks in Washington, D.C.

"Our request and our concerns have been addressed and so we are getting to where we believe it will protect the people of the CNMI and not just today but 40 years from now," said Torres.

Torres officials believe that when the CNMI elected to become part of the American family of states, it agreed to lease property on Saipan, Farallon de Medinilla, and Tinian for specific purposes.

The U.S., for one, agreed that—until it chose to build an airbase on Tinian—public lands there would be leased back to the CNMI for ranching and agricultural purposes—and that there would only be basic military operations and maneuvers training such as Cope North and Forager Fury.

In other words, the CNMI agreed to allow live fire and bombing activities on Farallon de Medinilla—not Tinian.

And whether the United States can, officials say, change the use of the property on Tinian for live-fire and bombing ranges is a separate legal issue, which should be considered in the historical context under which the CNMI agreed to lease this property of the United States.

On Farallon de Medinilla, or FDM, Torres said he stressed environmental issues and the proximity of fishing with the current bombing on the island.

"By the time we are given back the property in 2083, it will not be the same as what we gave them, so we did echo that concern," he said.

'Not negotiations'

Torres was also asked Tuesday about the "quid pro quo" or negotiating points in the 902 discussions.

Some local leaders claim and even former Cabinet members have suggested that other 902 topic—the CNMI's expiring contract worker program—and the extension thereof—to stave economic collapse—would require a trade-off for the military use of Pagan, for example.

However, Torres, turning notably more and addressing reporters by name said, "Jill, Dennis, Cherrie, 902 is not about negotiating. We did not walk in there to negotiate because we are not there to give something to receive something. 902 talks are avenue for us to walk in there" and talk about agreements "that made us a part of United States. We are not" going to "say that in 20 or 40 years we are going to 'give you a little bit and give me little bit.' We are here to tell the United States what we are facing and the issues that we have. We are not asking for bailouts. We are asking them to look at our situation and perhaps give them a special approach because we do have a special relationship. But no negotiation."

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"It would also acknowledge the struggles people are still enduring and the needs that still exist," she added.

"We Will Rise" will be the anniversary week's theme.

"In preparation, CARE is working closely with our network partners including the American Red Cross and the Crisis Counseling Program through the Community Guidance Center to plan and coordinate a series of anniversary events during the first week of August 2016," Hegland said.

She added CARE's network partner played a critical role in the island's recovery that's why they wanted to have a centralized and coordinated calendar of events commemorating the first year anniversary.

"We also know that other groups, organizations, and agencies may be planning anniversary events, and our hope is to promote all anniversary events through a centralized and coordinated calendar.

Hegland said CARE is still deliberating what would be the events for the pre-Soudelor anniversary commemoration and the week from Aug. 2 to 6, which is subject to change.

"We are in the process of deciding which events will be held during the anniversary week as well as leading up to it, but at this time the concepts the planning team members are exploring."

Displaying ribbons representing the community's resiliency; sunrise vigil or ceremony on Aug. 2; "Ride to Recovery" on Saturday morning on Aug. 6; and a "Sou fest" with activities, booths, and performances on Aug. 6 are just some of the plans, according to Hegland.

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the root cause."

"We've identified the location, which was originally thought to be in the Kagman area—well it turns out it's a little further down, it's in the As Mahetog area toward the power plant [in Lower Base]."

"So there is going to be some work done tomorrow morning and you'll see the press release," Camacho told reporters before the start of a Federal Emergency Management workshop yesterday.

According to CUC maps, Feeder 4 encompasses the villages of Kagman, Capitol Hill, As Mahetog, Sadog Tasi, As Teo, Kagman, Talafofo, among others.

At the same time, Camacho was asked to comment on his firing of former chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto, who was fired without cause late last month.

Camacho reiterated that pursuant to Yaquinto's contract "there is a clause that his services" can be "terminated without cause."

Pressed on the issue of whether Yaquinto could be fired by the acting CUC executive director and not the CUC board, Camacho said the process was "moving forward."

"Therefore at this particular juncture there is no comment at this time on the matter," he said.

Camacho, when asked, also said he was not fully aware of House lawmakers meeting on their concerns over the firing of Yaquinto, whose former CFO position was a federal court-stipulated order position.

He was also asked if Yaquinto has formally contested his firing, but Camacho said there was "no comment at this time."

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wants to understand why Yaquinto was fired and said yesterday he would be meeting with CUC next week.

"We want to find out what's the rationale for firing. I understand that there is no-fault firing and that's what the clause is. So I want to know what's transpired and where do we go from here," said Torres.

Torres said he is in support of the CUC board but wants to know "what is our goal?"

Security supervisor's discrimination suit vs Aqua Resort dismissed

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The federal court on Tuesday dismissed with prejudice a discrimination lawsuit filed by Feloteo V. Ranada, who claimed to have worked at Aqua Resort Club Saipan for 25 years and terminated after his hearing aid malfunctioned and he could not fully understand what the hotel's general manager ordered him to do.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona also dismissed with prejudice the third party complaint filed by Ken Aqua Hotel and Resort Inc. against Nenita Valdez Marquez, owner of NVM Enterprises, in response to Ranada's lawsuit.

Ken Aqua owns Aqua Resort. NVM Enterprises was the employer of Ranada.

Manglona dismissed the two complaints after the parties filed a stipulation for such dismissal.

Dismissal with prejudice means the cases can no longer be re-opened.

Manglona ordered the court's clerk to close the case.

Ranada and Aqua Resort, through their respective counsels Jeanne Rayphand and Robert J. O'Connor, filed the stipulation to dismiss the complaint and the third-party complaint.

In his lawsuit, Ranada asked the court to order Aqua Resort to employ him back as a security supervisor and enjoin the hotel from any further prohibited discrimination against him.

Ranada demanded payment for back pay, damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Rayphand said Ranada has worked for Ken Aqua Hotel and Resort that owns Aqua Resort since 1989, initially as security guard and rising to the position of security supervisor in 1991.

» Aqua Resort's 3rd party complaint for indemnification also dismissed

Rayphand said during the entire time that Ranada was assigned to and worked for Aqua Resort, he was an employee of various manpower services who were joint-employers with Aqua Resort.

At the time of his termination by Aqua Resort, Ranada was assigned to work at Aqua Resort by N.V.M. Security Services.

In 2005, Ranada began using and has continued to use a hearing aid as a result of hearing loss.

On the morning of Aug. 14, 2014, Ranada's hearing aid malfunctioned.

That same day, Rayphand said, the hotel's then general manager attempted to ask Ranada about an incident report, but because of his malfunctioning hearing aid, he was unable to fully understand him.

On Aug. 15, 2014, the manager allegedly terminated plaintiff's employment at the hotel.

Rayphand said the hotel's termination of Ranada's employment is a violation of the law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

Ken Aqua, through counsel Claire Kelleher-Smith, denied the allegations, then filed the third-party complaint against Nenita Marquez.

Smith asked the court to indemnify Aqua Resort from any and all losses or liabilities, attorney's fees, experts' fees, and any other damages arising from NMV's actions.

Smith said under the security contract, Aqua Resort pays an hourly rate, covering the number of hours of security service provided by NMV guards.

Smith said under the security contract, NMV agrees to hold Aqua Resort harmless from liability and to obtain worker's compensation insurance.

Japan-bound passenger who allegedly concealed $40,000 in luggage indicted

A federal grand jury has indicted Tsunemasa Otsuji, a Japan-bound passenger who was arrested last May 17 for allegedly carrying $40,000 cash in his luggage without declaring the currency at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The indictment charged Otsuji with one count of bulk cash smuggling out of the United States. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of the cash to the U.S. government.

The indictment was filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

According to the indictment, on May 16, 2016 on Saipan, Otsuji with the intent to evade a currency reporting requirement under the U.S. Code, knowingly concealed more than $10,000 in currency and other monetary instruments in an article of luggage.

Otsuji allegedly attempted to transport or transfer such currency and monetary instruments from a place within the U.S. to a place outside of the U.S. in violation of the U.S. Code.

Federal agents served Otsuji with an arrest warrant last May 17 after the Department of Homeland Security filed a criminal complaint charging him with one count of bulk cash smuggling.

Otsuji is out on bail.

DHS Homeland Security Investigations special agent Everette Route stated in an affidavit that on May 16 he received a call from supervisory U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Mark Layman about Otsuji, who during a screening process had been flagged with carrying undeclared currency possibly over $10,000.

Otsuji was scheduled to depart from the Saipan International Airport last May 16 at 4:30pm aboard Delta Airlines flight #297, and fly directly to Narita, Japan.

Route said during a consent search of Otsuji's golf bag, a CBP officer found eight 100 bundles of $50 bills equaling $5,000 each and totaling $40,000.

The money was wrapped inside tour pamphlets inside the golf bag.

Route said according to Otsuji the money was given to him by Yamaguchi, who allegedly owns a construction and real estate company in Japan.

Route said Otsuji claimed that Yamaguchi asked him to carry the money back to Japan for him.

Otsuji stated that Yamaguchi was also traveling back to Japan on the same flight with him and that he did not know why he did not carry the money himself.

He said Yamaguchi asked him to carry the money and give it back to him when they got to Japan.

Otsuji stated he did not know he had to declare the money on Saipan, but that he would declare the amount in Japan.

Route said asked why he put $0 in the form, Otsuji explained he did not read the form carefully. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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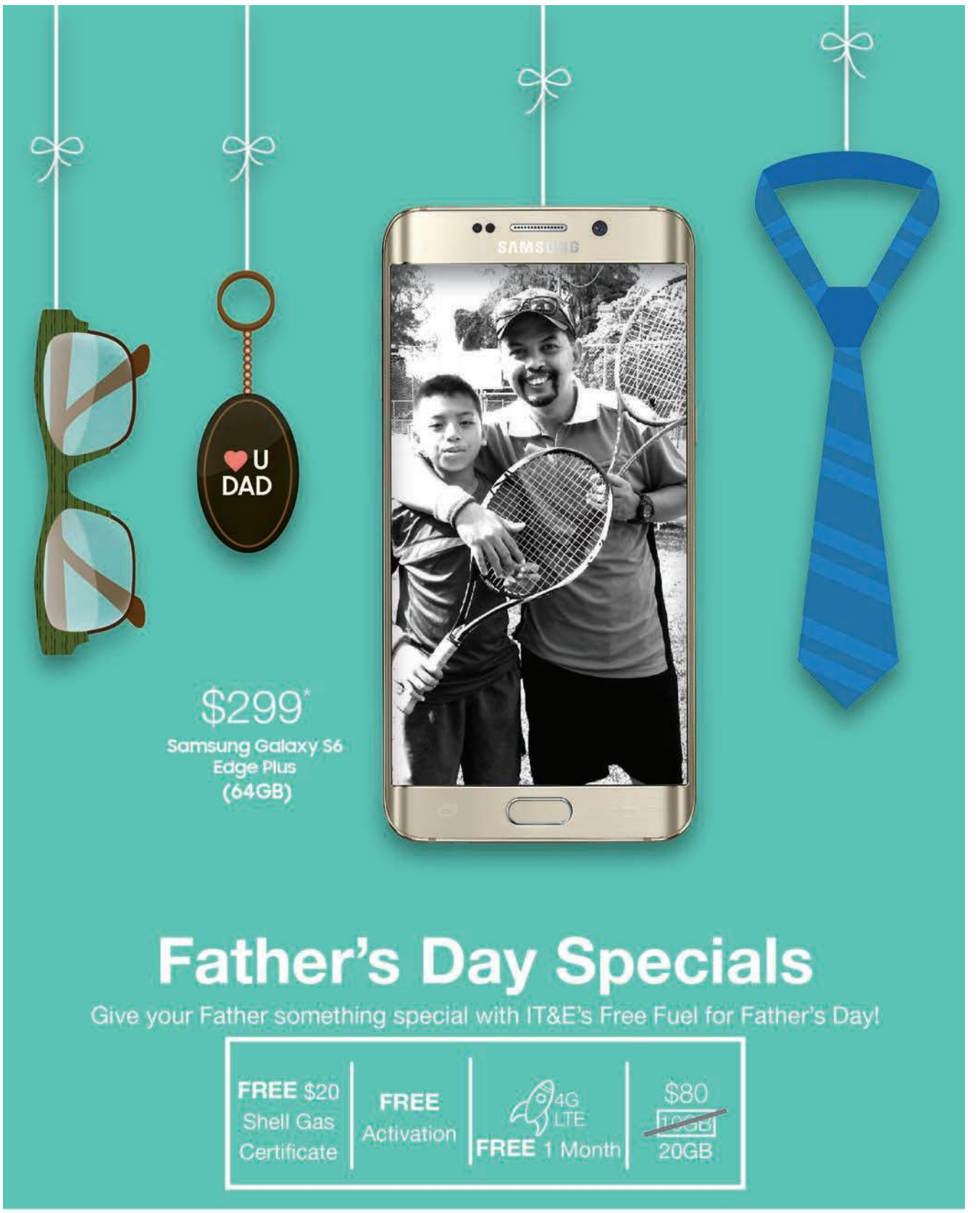

Palau court allows Hillbroom to post $275K cash bail

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REPORTER

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau Trial Division has allowed the temporary release of Junior Larry Hillbroom upon posting a cash bail of $275,000 and required him to provide a copy of any notice of deposition, hearing, or other court-required appearance for his lawsuits in the CNMI and other jurisdictions.

According to documents filed in federal court, Palau Trial Division Associate Justice Lourdes Materne on April 20, 2016, granted Hillbroom's temporary release upon posting $275,000 cash bail subject to conditions, including a sign of waiver of extradition and no travel outside Palau without court's approval.

Last June 7, Materne granted Hillbroom's motion for modification of his conditions of release.

Materne required Hillbroom to submit to the court with his application a copy of any notice of deposition, hearing or other court-required appearance for his lawsuits in the NMI, Hawaii, and California.

Materne ordered Hillbroom to provide a travel itinerary for air transportation to and from the location of travel demonstrating that the air travel will occur only through the airports of Palau and U.S.A. and no other foreign country.

The associate justice also required Hillbroom to provide address and telephone contact numbers for locations where he shall be residing while abroad.

Materne said the court reserves upon later determination on application for travel whether it may require, at the time of the trial of Hillbroom's lawsuit pending in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, that he be under escort by a law enforcement officer.

Last April, the federal court has ordered one of the lawyers for Hillbroom to submit information in court regarding Hillbroom's criminal case in Palau.

Hillbroom, one of the four DNA-proven children of the late business tycoon and DHL co-founder Larry Lee Hillblom, was recaptured in Palau hours after he allegedly escaped from police custody last Feb. 19, just a few days after he was arrested over the seizure of $160,000 worth of methamphetamine or "ice" (160 grams).

Hillbroom, 31, was recaptured after he allegedly dove into the water and tried to swim when police tracked a vehicle at a dock in a town called Meyuns Hamlet in Palau before, according to news reports.

Hillbroom pleaded not guilty.

Hillbroom was first served with an arrest warrant for trafficking controlled substance charge when he arrived in Palau from Manila last Feb. 17, according to a press release by Palau's Ministry of Justice.

Combined efforts of the Bureau of Public Safety, the Division of Customs, and the Belau Drug Enforcement Task Force led to Hillbroom's arrest at the Palau International Airport.

The arrest of Hillbroom came after two women who arrived from Manila last Feb. 12 were allegedly found concealing 160 grams of "ice."

Further investigation indicated that Hillbroom was the alleged supplier of the seized "ice."

According to court papers, the two women claimed that Hillbroom "offered to pay them when they arrived in Palau."

Hillbroom's mother, Kaelani Kinney, is Palauan. Hillbroom is based in the U.S. mainland.

Hillbroom's name is spelled differently from DHL co-founder Larry Hillblom.

Hillbroom has filed a legal malpractice lawsuit against his former lawyers David J. Lujan and Barry Israel in federal court.

Lujan was the lead counsel in Hillbroom's successful legal battle in CNMI Superior Court to claim part of Hillblom's multi-million estate.

Hillbroom is suing Lujan and Israel for allegedly conspiring with a former trustee to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings in Superior Court.

Hillblom, founder of DHL Express, died in a plane crash off Anatahan waters in 1995. His body was never recovered.

Approximately $100 million in assets were distributed to Hillbroom in the settlement of the probate case for the Hillblom estate.

Joeten Daidai Foundation awards scholarships to 6 students

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mikeala San Nicolas of Kagman High School, seated left, poses with board members of the Joeten Daidai Foundation after the foundation awarded six high school graduates including San Nicolas $2,000 in scholarships.

The Joeten Daidai Foundation awarded $12,000 worth of scholarships to six CNMI high school graduates. This year, the scholarship amount doubled from $1,000 to $2,000 per recipient. Joeten Daidai Foundation Scholarship recipients were randomly chosen by the six board of trustees. This year, about 40 applications were submitted from graduating high school seniors.

The awardees were selected based on their GPA's, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and community involvement. They were also asked to write an essay based on a quote from Maya Angelou, "You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."

The students, whom were ultimately chosen, wrote compelling essays of their life stories and made lasting impressions on the board of directors. Those recipients are Daniel Han of Marianas High School, Mikeala San Nicolas of Kagman High School, Cathryn Javier of Mount Carmel School, Lee Ann Jastillana of Marianas High School, Maria Christine Castro of Marianas High School, and Glengela Guiang of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr/Sr High School. The check presentation was held at the Joeten Susupe executive conference room on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

The Joeten Daidai Foundation, established in 1994, began as a vision of the late Jose C. Tenorio, "Joeten" and his wife Soledad T. Tenorio, "Daidai" with the Foundation's mission of contributing to educational, religious, and charitable purposes. It was their way of continuously giving back to the community.

The Foundation would not be possible without the unending support of numerous organizations, foundations, and especially the Joeten affiliates and all their diligent employees as well as many other gracious contributors.

Next year, the Joeten Daidai Foundation will begin to award one scholarship exclusively to a child of an employee of one of Joeten's subsidiaries or affiliates. ***(PR)***

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-16-2341: ACQUISITION OF TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS
MVA-RFP-16-2342: ACQUISITION OF PASSENGER VAN
MVA-RFP-16-2343: ACQUISITION OF SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

Closing Date: **June 30, 2016** Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
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- Performs all other duties as assigned.

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For more information, please check "JOB OPPORTUNITIES" on our website at www.developmentcnmi.com

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO:
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BSI, DPS rehabilitate Gualo Rai Youth Center

The Gualo Rai Youth Center looks almost the same today as it was when it was first built in March 2003—thanks to the generosity of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility, whose continued community work has given a new and fresh look to public infrastructures and facilities in the Commonwealth.

The Gualo Rai Youth Center has been the venue for community activities, programs, and events.

It was BSI CSR executive director Rita Chong who reached out to Special Assistant for Youth Affairs Shelane Borja for the project and the massive rehabilitation work began last weekend.

"It was during the Koblerville Village Pride Project when we established our partnership," Chong said. "After our CSR team aided with the rehabilitation of the Koblerville Youth Center, we asked the Youth Affairs Office if they needed further assistance with any other youth centers. Shelane (Borja) had mentioned that their Gualo Rai facility needed some work done so here we are today in collaboration with the DPS cadets providing our help."

BSI CSR team jointly collaborated with the Department of Public Safety, which assisted them with the exterior painting of the building.

But Chong says the work doesn't stop there.

"We've accomplished our goal today by completing the exterior painting of the building. Our next project is to help with the tiling of the center," Chong stated. "It's our pleasure to provide this assistance, especially at this time because summer is here and we want the kids in this area to utilize this facility."

Youth Affairs special assistant Shelane Borja is grateful for the assistance that BSI and DPS have provided, especially because the Gualo Rai Youth Center has never been revamped since it was built.

"We are glad that the BSI corporate social responsibility team and the DPS cadets came in today to refurbish our building. The exterior paint has been the same since the building was built in March of 2003.

"It definitely looks a lot better now," Borja said. "My team and I would like to thank BSI and DPS for the help that they've provided. We're extremely fortunate to establish this partnership with both BSI and DPS. With this, we provide our kids with a center that's safe and beautiful. Again, thank you guys so much for all the help." (***PR***)

BSI staff painting the concrete flower pots that surround the youth center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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The BSI CSR team and DPS cadets pose after successfully painting the Gualo Rai Youth Center.

Before and after shot of the walkway at the Gualo Rai Children's Park & Youth Center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Before and after shot of the back entrance at the Gualo Rai Children's Park & Youth Center. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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DPS cadets cleaning the walls before applying a fresh coat of paint.

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DPS cadet Iris Rangamar applying paint on the center's window sills.

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‘Let’s celebrate the symbol of liberation’

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang is encouraging the entire community to be always reminded of the importance of the 4th of July celebration every year.

“It is important to remind ourselves why we take time from our daily lives to celebrate the 4th of July. To many the [annual celebration] is a symbol of our liberation to the place we live today,” said Apatang in his welcome remarks in last Friday’s 2016 Liberation Day Carnival opening at the Garapan Fishing Base.

“We didn’t hear the bombs explode, the gunshots, or the prayers to end. We never thought that any moment our lives could end. Today, we hear loud, jolly, and mood-setting music,” Apatang said.

“We are lucky and that is why we celebrate it today, to give thanks to the men and women who sacrificed their lives to free others. To the Lord, who also helped in giving us the freedom,” he added.

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The Department of Public Safety posted the colors during the 2016 Liberation Day Festivities opening ceremony held last Friday at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Apatang said people should show compassion and respect as the community remembers the horrors of war.

“As we celebrate the 71st year of liberation and freedom, we must always remember that we are still healing from the scars that cut so deep in someone’s life, we must respect each other and be compassionate to one another.”

“Again thank you, God bless, and let’s have a cheerful, safe festivities, and celebration,” he added.

The Liberation Day celebration is a whole month of festivities and Skywalker Communications Group is happy to invite the community to partake of this wonderful event. Come by Garapan Fishing Base, 5pm-10pm everyday. ***(Mackenzie Perez)***

Friday deadline for LibDay float competition

Interested groups have until Friday to submit their application and $100 entry fee for the 2016 4th of July Liberation Day parade float competition. Float entries must show this year’s “Our Islands, Our Heritage” theme.

A total of $10,000 in cash prizes will be at stake in the float competition. First, second, third, and fourth places will be receiving $4,000, $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000 each.

With the Liberation Day parade less than three weeks away, the Saipan Mayor’s Office and partner Skywalker Communications Group are expecting all of those participating would show their best to delight and entertain the crowd.

They are also expecting to have more entries this year—be it in competition or non-competition—as they invited all interested community members, businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations

Application forms can be submitted and picked up at the Saipan Mayor’s Office at the 2nd Floor, Ladera Center Beach Road, Chalan Laulau from 7:30am to 4:30pm. The forms are also available on www.saipanmayor.net.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, Skywalker Communications president Dr. Bo Hu, parade sub committee chair Joseph Palacios, and the entire Liberation Day committee are looking forward to see the various cultural groups that would be represented in the parade.

Also this year, the CNMI Liberation Day Royal Court has a record 26 candidates vying for the crown.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page (CNMI Liberation Day Festival) or email at ldcnmi@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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Job Vacancy Announcement

JVA No. 16-029

Opening Date: Tuesday, June 07, 2016
Closing Date: Monday, June 20, 2016

Trades Technician
(Electric Meter Technician)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Power Division Manager or his/her designee. Performs maintenance, operations, installations and/or repairs in assigned area of responsibility; provides technical guidance regarding assigned functions; and ensures quality service levels in accordance with proper procedures. Provides assistance in monitoring regulatory compliance. Operates specialized and heavy equipment; performs maintenance activities and skilled repairs to equipment, infrastructure and/or other items of assigned area of responsibility. Identifies issues and operational concerns; performs inspections; provides troubleshooting; evaluates corrective measures or options; recommends and implements solutions and corrective actions. Receives customer inquiries and trouble calls; responds to requests and provides information or status updates. Monitors inventory and supplies; maintains required supply levels; initiates requests for the replenishment of materials and supplies; cleans, organizes and maintains work and supply areas. Takes readings of equipment; maintains records, logs, orders and data; and prepares reports. Operating, starting, stopping, synchronizing, and/or regulating power and reactive load on generators; Operating feeder circuit breakers during routine and emergency conditions; Testing and repairing transformers; Monitoring fuel and lubrication oil levels, input/output calculations, and refill requests; Issuing and ordering of parts, tools, chemicals and other supplies; Performing reconditioning of used parts; Performing alignment of pump and motors at auxiliary sites; Welding, cutting, grinding and fabricating materials; Calculating fuels supply and usage and preparing for fuel transfer. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $20,826.00 per annum to $28,115.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.
POSITION(S) : Four (4)

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or GED or ABE Program AS and 4 years of experience related to area of assignment. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Principles, practices and procedures of assigned service area; Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Fee waivers for NMC Cash for College Workshop participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC Fall 2016 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents a savings of up to $75.

The free workshops will be held at the NMC campus on Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), this Saturday, June 18, 2016. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshop at 3pm.

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. The Cash for College workshops are open to new and ongoing students, as well as members in the community.

Participants of the workshop will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) program, the CNMI Scholarship, the TEACH Grant, and more.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2014 1040 tax form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

The Cash for College workshop is made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

Application deadline for SHEFA this July 1

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance is now accepting new and renewal applications for financial assistance for the fall 2016 term. Application deadline is July 1, 2016 and deadline to submit all supporting documents is Sept. 30, 2016. Application and checklist can be downloaded from our website.

To all college graduates (previous SHEFA recipients), you are required to submit your official transcript, copy of your degree, and complete a graduate form for compliance purposes.

For more detailed information regarding financial assistance and compliance, you can log on to the SHEFA website at www.saipanshefa.net; send your inquiry to saipanshefa@gmail.com; call our office (670) 233-5995. ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
2017 – 2021 State Plan Goals & Objectives

Each State Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council is required to submit a 5-Year State Plan to the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD) outlining the intended use of federal funding allocated for its basic operational grant. State Plans are focused on improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities through full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life. The federal government expects DD Councils to identify goals that can be achieved in five years using available resources. Federal law mandates that the State Plan address some or all the Areas of Emphasis established by Congress in the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act).

The Areas of Emphasis are as follow:
Child Care – Community Supports – Early Intervention – Education – Employment – Health Related—Housing—Quality Assurance—Recreation—Transportation

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities will be conducting its public hearings on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota on how best the Council can and should serve all individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. During the public hearings, all persons with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, the general public will be provided the opportunity to review and offer comment or input on its 2017-2021 FIVE YEAR STATE PLAN.

	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TINIAN	JUNE 21, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Tinian Campus Room "C" **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
ROTA	JUNE 22, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	NMC-Rota Campus **(Via Video Telecommunication)**
SAIPAN	JUNE 30, 2016	1:00pm-2:00pm	Assistive Technology Center **Building#1310, Capitol Hill**

CNMI CDD's proposed priorities are set forth in our Five-Year State Plan, which is developed based on data gathered from a statewide needs assessment of the most pressing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and the areas of emphasis that the Council will focus on for the next five years. Please note that CNMI CDD does not provide direct services.

CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities
State Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021
Goals & Objectives

Goal 1 – Self Advocacy
Promote and support the development of leadership and self advocacy capacity among people with development disabilities.

Objective 1.1 – Self-Advocacy
Provide support to strengthen a State Self-Advocacy organization led by people with developmental disabilities.
Objective 1.2 – Self-Advocacy
Support opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who are considered leaders to provide leadership training to individuals with developmental disabilities who may become leaders.
Objective 1.3 – Self-Advocacy
Support participation of people with developmental disabilities in cross-disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions.

Goal 2 – Service System Improvement
The Council will work with partners on at least two (2) systems change initiative and provide information, education, and skill building activities each year so that individuals and/or students with intellectual and developmental disabilities will have improved transition services from high school through post-school transition into meaningful post-school outcomes with adequate services and supports and increased opportunities in employment in the CNMI.

Objective 2.1 – Employment
By 2021, create more opportunities for young adults and job seekers with developmental disabilities to have meaningful employment opportunities with competitive wages and exhibit their abilities and skills in an inclusive environment working alongside their peers without disabilities by working with the CNMI Disability Network Partners to educate communities, training staff, and writing one state policy by September 2021 to improve services that support fully integrated, competitive employment.
Objective 2.2 – Transition
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Transition Coalition, the CNMI Disability Network Partners and others to create or improve at least one practice designed to improve transition outcomes for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities from high school through postsecondary education/training.

Goal 3 - Respite Care
Family members and/or Caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals who are medically fragile will have access to respite services made available through the Commonwealth Respite Services Program (CNMI PL 14-36).

Objective 3.1 - Respite Care
By 2021, collaborate with the Commonwealth Respite Service Program and partners to improve and/or expand training to thirty (30) respite caregivers in underserved and unserved communities of Tinian and Rota.

Goal 4 - Emergency Preparedness
People with developmental will be afforded the same level of safety as all, be involved in the process to plan, advocate, and take charge for themselves when an emergency arise, and to have a clear idea of what to do in such situation.

Objective 4.1 – Emergency Preparedness
By 2021, collaborate with the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, CNMI Disability Network Partners, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, CNMI CORE and other community -based stakeholders to effectively incorporate the functional and accessibility needs of CNMI residents with developmental disabilities in emergency planning.

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EDITORIAL

So say you lost a revolution

Even as Hillary Clinton's clinching of the Democratic presidential nomination heralded a historic opening of the nation's highest office to half the population, presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump was sounding a dramatic retreat from our halting, hard-won progress toward truly representative government.

Having declared that a Mexican American U.S. district judge could not fairly consider complaints against Trump's nominal university because of his ethnicity, the candidate added that a Muslim jurist probably couldn't be trusted either. A man at the doorstep of the presidency had thereby all but proposed a religious test for federal office — an idea so antique and repugnant that the Founding Fathers expressly forbade it in Article VI of the Constitution.

The need for a robust response to such rubbish is as good a reason as any for Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders to end his insurgency and strive to unite his recently adopted party behind Clinton.

Of course, there is also the fact that he, you know, lost. After convincing victories in New Jersey and California Tuesday, Clinton led Sanders by 3.7 million votes, with nearly 57 percent of the total cast, and 375 pledged delegates, with nearly 55 percent of the total awarded, according to RealClearPolitics. She has won 33 of 56 primaries and caucuses, and seven of the last 10. In the three most recent national polls of Democratic voters, Clinton's advantage over Sanders is about 14 percentage points.

Following a remarkable journey from socialist asterisk to serious competition, Sanders and his legion of supporters have earned plenty of recognition short of the nomination. The senator has ably embodied widespread alienation and frustration — and usually channeled it more productively than Trump. The inequities that Sanders thunders against are real. So is the casual corruption within the party establishment, which has weakened support for Clinton and yielded a dreary drumbeat of revelations in the Democratic-run city where she is to be nominated next month.

From hidden official emails to overcompensated corporate speeches, Clinton's flaws are significant. But they are not nearly as significant as the fundamental values of racial equality and religious freedom that Trump is calling into question.

Sanders stands at the peak of his power to contribute to Clinton's candidacy and thereby influence the campaign, the convention, and perhaps the cabinet. Nor does he have to look far for a precedent: Eight years ago, Clinton herself delivered most of her supporters, many of them fervent and some of them bitterly so, to Barack Obama, and she emerged as secretary of state.

It certainly won't be the revolution Sanders and his supporters hoped to bring to Philadelphia. But it could help secure the blessings of the last one.

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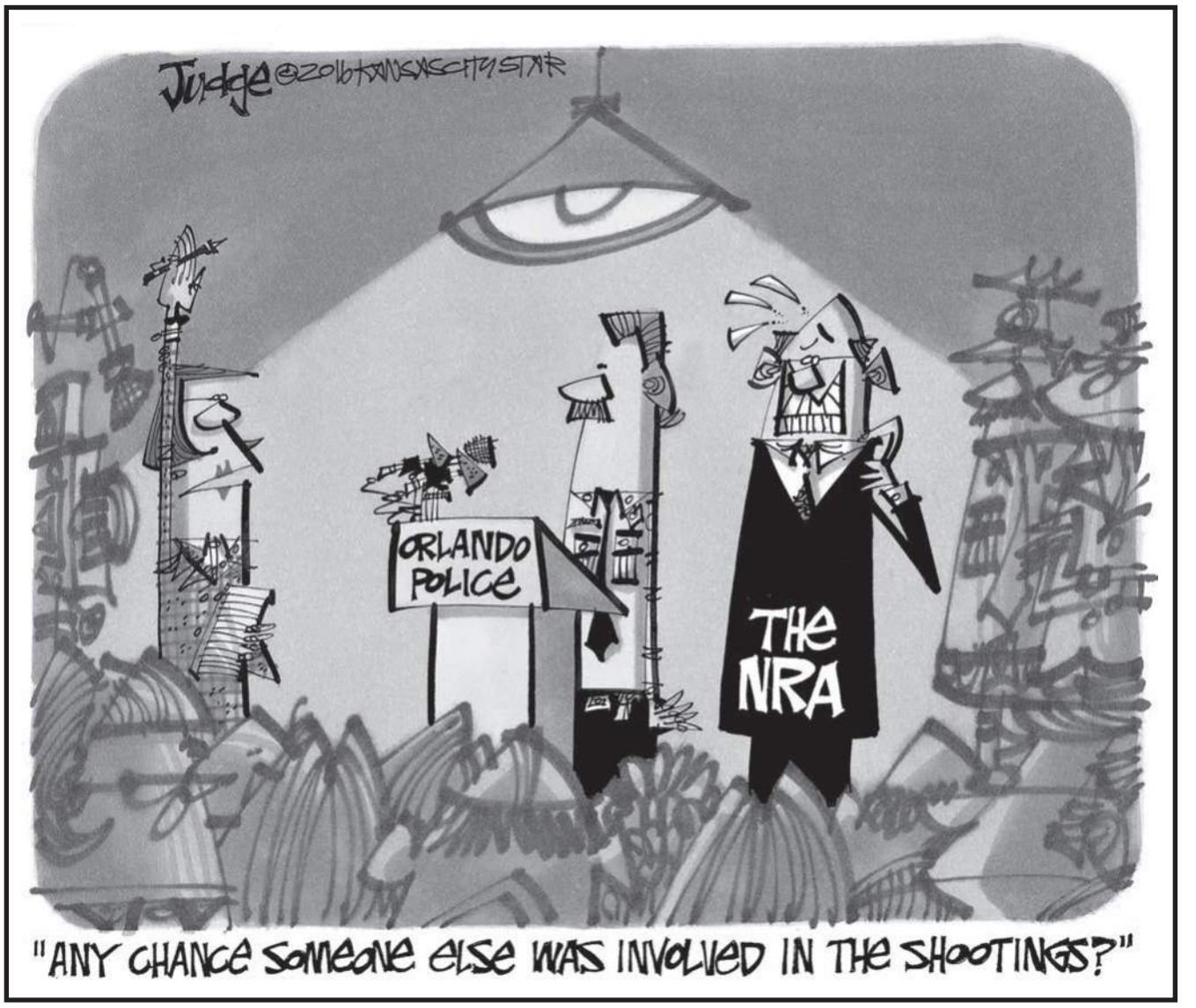

Christine Flowers: Predictable reactions in wake of mass shooting

By CHRISTINE FLOWERS
Philadelphia Daily News

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I woke up, like everyone else, to tragedy Sunday morning. We use that word reflexively when something involving guns and innocent people and specific "phobias" are involved. There's no other word, although the media might call it "breaking news" and "ratings bonanza."

Five minutes into my bleary-eyed view of the CNN reports, I already saw how this would go. First, there would be a wringing of hands about guns. Then, or perhaps even simultaneously, there would be attempts to identify a motive. If a Muslim was somehow involved, a search for motives would cease. There would be moving disavowals of violence from Muslim-American leaders, and Facebook or Twitter would fill up with comments about how "they" never do enough to disavow violence.

Even while they were doing it.

There would be gun-control advocates wondering why a civilian could get his hands on a military-style automatic weapon, and others who'd respond that the carnage could have been avoided if there were other civilians with military-style weapons allowed in that presumably gun-free zone.

There would be the obligatory attack on President Barack Obama if he didn't use the "right" words to describe the carnage, meaning that he didn't call it an attack of Islamic terror.

When it came out that the target was a gay club, people who have a thing against Christianity would be bummed because, darn it, they couldn't blame evangelical or Catholic haters for the violence. They'd like to blame Islam, but they wouldn't want to offend the wrong people.

And, this being an election year, the candidates would try to figure out a way to pick up electoral support, all the while pretending not to care about the polls.

My parents should have named me Cassandra, not Christine. All of this came to pass. Not that it makes me happy to have the playbook for these tragedies imprinted on my mind.

When something like this happens, there is always the hope that something new will emerge, something better. One prays (in the secular sense) that cooler heads and voices will prevail. One prays (in the real sense) that this will be the last time anything similar happens (except for the media, who exist for just such moments).

But there is always disappointment because we are human beings and we want to blame "the other." That "other" could be a responsible gun owner, if you think gun access is too easy and gun-control laws are too lax. That "other" could be a native-born U.S. citizen whose parents immigrated from Pakistan, and you think all refugees fleeing ISIS are actually jihadists in sheep's clothing. That "other" could be someone who opposes same-sex marriage if you think any criticism of gays amounts to bigotry (just ask me, I'm an expert on that one).

I've been to this dance too many times to believe we're capable of change. We are so hard-wired to believe that "the other" is a threat that we don't want to listen to other views. I once thought that trying to use humor and sarcasm to make a point would at least open dialogue, but I've come to realize that humor is lost on in those whose opinions are steeped in absolutism and formed in anger. Gun-control advocates think those who defend gun ownership are natural enemies. They hate the NRA and blame all carnage on people who arm themselves, whether legally or not. Conversely, NRA members resent gun-control advocates for trying to eliminate their constitutional rights. They speak different languages, when they engage in conversation. Which is rare.

People who think a wall should be built blame jihad (or Mexicans) for mass murder, even when presented with the fact that killers are native born and bred. People who think any discussion of the intersection between violence and ethnicity or nationality is racist feel superior to those knuckle-dragging bigots and discount their concerns.

And people who, like Hillary Clinton recently noted, think we should be able to "love who we love" and think that anyone who defends their religious freedom to dissent is at best spouting hate speech and at worst, apologists for mass murder.

I'm sick of them all. What happened to the days when

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After Orlando, we must let light drive out darkness

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Tribune News Service

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Orlando now will be added to the haunting list — Newtown, Conn., Virginia Tech, San Bernardino, Calif., Charleston, S.C., Aurora, Colo. and more. USA Today provides a graphic of 310 mass killings since 2006 (with four or more dead), the dots tracking across the nation. Mass killings still shock us. Somehow we've grown accustomed to the daily terror — in Chicago, nearly five times as many people have been shot and killed since the beginning of the year than the 49 that died in Orlando.

Orlando was, as President Obama said, "an act of terror and an act of hate." The grisly toll was also a product of the easy access to guns, particularly guns made for the military at war. The killer called 911 in the midst of his rampage to announce his allegiance to the Islamic State, but this came as a surprise to his friends and former wife. His father said that his son was outraged by the sight of gay men kissing on the street, that he didn't think that religion "had anything to do with it." An act of terror and an act of hate.

The human reaction is to want to strike back. Escalate attacks on the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. Redouble surveillance and crack down on Muslims at home. Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president, went, characteristically, to the most extreme, calling on the president to resign and Hillary Clinton to withdraw because they didn't use the words "radical Islam," as if that were a magical chant that would set everything right. He raised alarms about "thousands" of radical Muslims in the United States, and reiterated his call for banning any Muslim immigration. Hillary Clinton was more tempered, while arguing that we had the capacity to eliminate lone wolf terrorists at home and the Islamic State abroad.

Dr. Martin Luther King taught us a different lesson. Faced with the violence and terror unleashed against African-Americans in this country, he called on us to reach out, to love and not to hate. "Darkness," he wrote, "cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction."

This wisdom should not be forgotten now. We would do better to reach out to Muslims in this nation and respect their religion and their rights, rather than to hunt them, to isolate them or to denigrate them. Muslim organizations across the country have issued statements condemning this act of terror. We should embrace them as part of the American community, engage them in the effort to identify the violent extremists, not treat all Muslims like a threatening stranger.

We would do better to reassess our strategy in the Middle East rather than double down on violence. We have displaced the Taliban in Afghanistan and killed Bin Laden; we've overthrown Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Moammar Gadhafi in Libya; we've decimated al-Qaida; our allies have carpet bombed Yemen; our drones bomb in seven countries. Yet the terror spreads, the violence spreads, the chaos spreads. More violence generates more terrorists. Redoubling our efforts can wipe out the Islamic State, but it will surely add to the terrorist ranks at the same time.

Most mass shootings are not political; the victims most often are relatives or friends. Most casualties do not come from "radical Islamic terrorists." More Americans have been killed by homegrown terrorists motivated by racial or anti-government or anti-gay hatreds than have been killed by those motivated by Islamic extremism.

Gun control cannot end terror, neither the mass shootings like Orlando nor the daily horror as in Chicago. Omar Mateen, the killer in Orlando, was a security guard, apparently with a record clean enough that he was able to buy guns legally. But surely it is inconceivable that military assault weapons like the AR-15 semiautomatic rifle that he used (and that was also used in Aurora and Newtown and San Bernardino) should be so easily purchased. Reviving the ban on assault weapons that lapsed under President Bush is not a full remedy, but it is simple common sense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

That day 72 years ago

June 15, 1944, was the day (72 years ago yesterday) when the invasion of Saipan started by the American armed forces. On June 10, 1944 Saipan and Tinian were heavily bombarded by the planes from Aircraft Carrier TASK FORCE 58. The bombardment continued night and day for five days followed by the landing of the American forces.

It was an experience that I shall never forget as a 12-year-old boy. Two days after the continued bombing, our dad, Elias P. Sablan, decided to take refuge in a cave about two miles southwest of Mt. Tapochao, right above the farm of the Chargualaf family in Kanad Tabla. The Guerrero and Crisostimo families also joined us in the cave.

Two days after we moved into the cave, the grass and trees outside, on top of the cave were all burning causing an intense heat inside the cave. Dad decided to move out of the cave and find our way down to the Guerrero's ranch down from the cave. Shells from the offshore American battleships continued to explode around us and branches of breadfruit trees were falling on the ranch house. After we finished praying the Rosary, Dad decided we better return to the cave. Some of the elder members of the group decided to remain at the ranch house and "let the Lord decide their fate."

During the three weeks we were hiding in the cave, all we had as nourishment was sugarcane. Three or four able men would go down to the sugar cane field and would return to the cave with sugarcane for our "meal." We had no water, no food to eat; all we had was sugarcane as our food. One morning thee men left the cave early morning to get sugarcane. The three men detected a group of Japanese soldiers and hid in the cane field for about 30 minutes until the Japanese soldiers were out of sight.

The three men immediately cut canes and proceeded back to the cave. By then the sun was up and obviously, the American battleships offshore detected people crawling on side of the hill. So the ships began shooting at the site where they saw stragglers crawling. Bombs were exploding right in front of our cave. My sister Maria led us in Rosary prayer and to ask our Creator to protect all of us in the cave.

Few hours after the explosion of bombs at the mouth of the cave, we heard people talking in front of the entrance of the cave. We did not understand what they were saying. While the people outside the cave were talking**,** a baby cried in the cave. The people outside were then able to pinpoint the direction from where the baby was crying. As the people outside approached the entrance of the cave, they saw a crucifix/cross on top of the cave entrance. That further gave away the entrance of the cave.

The three U.S. Marines who risked their lives to save us from the ugliness of war were very friendly. One of them was wearing a Rosary with cross around his neck. That gained our confidence that they are friendly and will not harm us.

I remain in touch with the family of the three Marines until today to express our most sincere appreciation for liberating us. We are forever thankful to the families of John Sullivan of Ottawa, Illinois; George Prevost of Joppa Towne, Maryland; and Gene Engel of El Cajon, California.

SI YUUS MAASE AND GOD BLESS AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

David M. Sablan
Papago

Hope I'm wrong

At some point we all retire. I am no exception. As the only practicing veterinarian on Saipan I would like to see another veterinarian chose Saipan as his/her home.

To attract another veterinarian to Saipan there are some facts that need to be understood and acted upon.

1. Saipan will never have more than one practicing veterinarian unless attitudes change.

2. If you have one veterinarian on island there will be always be a "monopoly." This is a fact; get over it. Small towns in the U.S. have only one practicing veterinarian...if they are lucky... most have none.

3. Any practicing veterinarian that moves to Saipan does so at his/hers own expense and receives no contract or funding from the government of the U.S./CNMI.

4. Veterinarians are not provided with a hospital; we have to build and finance our own. We make our living in the private sector by filling a very specific need. We are obliged to charge for the services that we render.

5. A veterinary hospital will eat up 80-90 percent of the money that is paid "to" the practicing veterinarian. This is also a fact of life and it explains why veterinarians appear to be "only interested in the money." We have to charge enough, and collect enough to meet the expenses of the animal hospital, before we ever take a paycheck. If you fail at this, you fail in practice. One goes hand in hand with the other and it will always be this way until the governments of the world decide to provide support to veterinary hospitals.

6. How will we ever attract another veterinarians to Saipan when they realize that people here expect them to charge unsustainable low fees that don't cover the expenses involved with running an animal hospital in 2016 and beyond. This is a major challenge to attracting someone to a permanent position here.

7. I could easily be the last practicing veterinarian to move to Saipan. Hopefully I'm wrong.

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Paradise Island Animal Hospital

SHOOTING

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deaths were mourned, and fingers pointed afterward when the heat of anger and despair had cooled to the equally painful but more manageable state of sad clarity? I think social media, including Facebook, Twitter and iPhones erased that possibility forever.

We are pathetic, my friends, because we are predictable in the roles we play. It's not a Greek tragedy, but a reality Cassandra would recognize.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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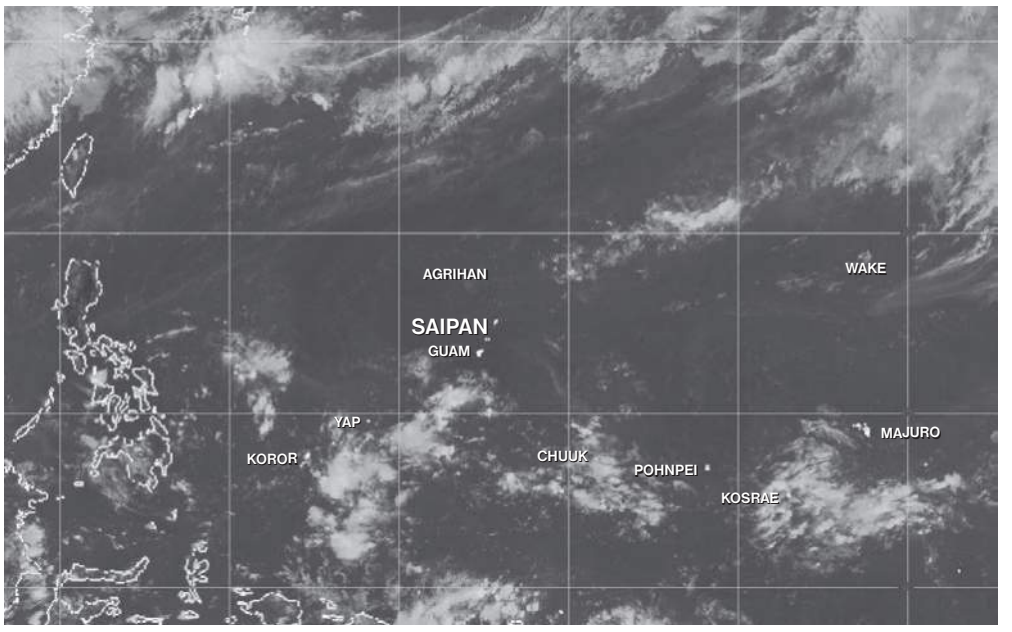
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak cold front runs southwestward from northeast of Wake Island at 25N171e to northeast of Saipan at 18N151E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are along and up to 100 miles northwest of the front. A surface trough extends northeastward from 3N134E to 10N144E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in an area from southeast of Koror to east of Yap within 125 miles of a line from EQ137E to 7N138E to 9N142E. Also, scattered showers northwest of Yap are within 60 miles of 12N133E. Trade-wind convergence is causing widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Chuuk State between 8N and 4N from 151E to 155E. A trade-wind disturbance is centered at 3N167E with a surface trough northeastward from 3N167E to 6N174E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Kosrae State are between 9N and 2N from 161E to 164E and between 5N and 2N FROM 164E TO 169E. Scattered showers just southeast of Majuro are within 80 miles of a line from 3N171E to 8N178E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Clear	▲63	▼46
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼70
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼73
London	Thundershowers	▲66	▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼59
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼77
Melbourne	Clear	▲56	▼53
Miami	Clear	▲89	▼77
New York	Clear	▲74	▼63
Osaka	Rain	▲76	▼70
Paris	Thunderstorms	▲65	▼54
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼65
Rome	Clear	▲87	▼68
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼47
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼52
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲80	▼62
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲74	▼69
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲84	▼70

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
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Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:31 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
6:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
11:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:16 PM	2:32 AM
Friday	4:05 PM	3:12 AM
Saturday	4:54 PM	3:54 AM
Sunday	5:44 PM	4:39 AM
Monday	6:35 PM	5:26 AM

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UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

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LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
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UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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PATA CEO Mario Hardy visits Saipan

Mario Hardy, chief executive officer of the Pacific Asia Travel Association, visited Saipan last May 23 following PATA's Annual Summit in Guam.

Hardy paid a courtesy call on acting governor Victor B. Hocog and toured the island accompanied by PATA International Executive Board Member and PATA Micronesia Chapter chairwoman Pilar Laguna and PATA Micronesia treasurer and Marianas Visitors Authority deputy managing director Judy Torres.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Pacific Asia Travel Association chief executive officer Mario Hardy paid a courtesy call on CNMI acting governor Victor B. Hocog on May 25, 2016, at the Office of the Governor. Pictured from left are Marianas Visitors Authority deputy managing director Judy Torres, Hocog, Hardy, PATA International Executive board member and PATA Micronesia Chapter chairwoman Pilar Laguna, and MVA acting chairman James Nelson.

Founded in 1951, PATA is a "not-for profit association that is internationally acclaimed for acting as a catalyst for the responsible development of travel and tourism to, from and within the Asia Pacific region," according to the organization's website. The association provides "aligned advocacy, insightful research, and innovative events to its member organizations, comprising 97 government, state and city tourism bodies, 27 international airlines, airports and cruise lines, 63 educational institutions, and hundreds of travel industry companies in Asia Pacific and beyond."

PATA Micronesia chapter is comprised of state and national tourism boards of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Marshall Islands, and Kosrae, as well a numerous tourism-related businesses such as hotels, tour operators, retail outlets, private individuals, and more.

"The MVA's membership in PATA Micronesia is valuable in that it provides a forum for the island nations to network and work together toward common goals, whether it be improving service through training and education or jointly marketing the region," said Torres. "In addition, it put a wealth of information and resources at our fingertips available through the PATA organization."

Companies or individuals interested in joining PATA Micronesia or learning more about the chapter can visit www.micronesiatour.com. The chapter meets tri-annually throughout Micronesia. ***(PR)***

CNMI celebrates Nurses Week 2016

The CNMI Nurses in cooperation with the CNMI Nursing Association will be celebrating its Nurses Week from June 19 to 25 with the theme, "Every Nurse Counts! Empowering Every Voice To Promote a Culture of Safety." Annually, the CNMI honors nurses who have devoted their lives to serve the people of the CNMI. The weeklong celebration will entail different activities where nurses will have the opportunity to update their competence and nursing knowledge during the nursing convention, compete amongst other nurses to showcase their athletic abilities in a Sportsfest and mini-triathlon, and exercise the spirit of public service through medical outreach in the community.

The CNMI Nursing Association would like to invite the community to take part in our community events such as the Proclamation Signing on Friday, June 17, 2016 at 9am, CHCC conference Room 3 and the 5K Nightingale Fun Run on Friday, June 24, 2016, which will start at 6pm (registration at 5pm), at the pavilion across the JP Center building. Registration fee is $10 per person and the first 100 participants will receive a free LED bracelet while the first 50 finishers will receive a free T-shirt. There will also be a health screening held at the Garapan Street Market on Thursday, June 23, 2016.

Special thanks to the many generous businesses and other donors who have made this event possible. The association would also like to send their appreciation to the Office of the Governor, Department of Public Safety, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and other privately owned medical clinics for their role and participation in the upcoming Nurses Week.

Nurses Week is a national celebration that aims to raise awareness of the important role that nurses play in society, celebrated during the first week May, around the time of Florence Nightingale's birthday. Nightingale was well-known to be the founder of professional nursing. On October 1954, Nurses Week was first observed. Our local chapter celebrates Nurses Week during the month of June. ***(PR)***

Dandan Middle School registration for SY '16-'17

Incoming 6th graders (Registration on June 20-June 24, 2016)

- Registration forms for SY '16-'17
- Birth certificate
- Update of school accident insurance or proof of health insurance coverage
- Updated health clearance certificate
- Parents/guardians and emergency contact information photo IDs (Passport, driver's license, mayor's ID, etc.)
- Copy of 5th grade completion

(Note: Pending submission of registration form and requirements will not be included in the Roster for School Year 2016-2017)

Ongoing 7th and 8th graders (Registration on June 27 to July 8, 2016)

- Registration forms for SY '16-'17
- Birth certificate
- Update of school accident insurance or proof of health insurance coverage
- Updated health clearance certificate
- Parents/guardians and emergency contact information photo IDs (Passport, driver's license, mayor's ID, etc.)

(Note: Pending submission of registration form and requirements will not be included in the Roster for School Year 2016-2017)

Dandan Middle School (Working guideline/maybe subject to change)

- Dandan (Dandan Road)
- Lower Dandan (Java Joe's up towards SVS)
- San Vicente (Isa Drive up to SVS)
- Airport Road (Chalan Tun Herman Pan)
- As Lito (North of SIS/ Chalan Msgr. Martinez)
- Papago (up to Botanical Gardens on Isa Drive)
- Fina Sisu (Northern)
- Kannat Tabla
- As Terlaje ***(PR)***

New report about tackling climate threats to Pacific Island food security

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Climate impacts in the Pacific Islands, a region dependent on fishing and small-scale farming for sustenance, are set to intensify pressure on food security, according to a new report published today on World Oceans Day.

But innovative, participatory approaches may help policy makers navigate possible future scenarios in order to develop the right policy responses.

The report, Climate change and Pacific Island Food Systems, outlines the most pressing issues facing this region, using vivid infographics and photos to illustrate temperature and rainfall extremes; sea level rise; impacts on food crops, fisheries and aquaculture, and food and nutrition.

It is a joint publication by the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), the Pacific Community (SPC), WorldFish and The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA), based on an ongoing research initiative in the region.

This work was funded by the New Zealand Aid Programme and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

The report sheds light on the major threats facing the region's food security, but also highlights potential opportunities to be gained under climate change.

Based on widespread consultation and research, the report finds that governments, development agencies, communities and farmers will need to work together to develop alternatives to threatened livelihoods, such as fishing and farming.

Similarly, stakeholders must be ready to take advantage of any favourable impacts of climate change. "Profound changes are needed to Pacific Island food systems to deal with the threat of climate change and more resilient food systems will have to be created, but more research is needed before these adaptations can be applied effectively," according to one of the report authors, the Director of SPC's Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division, Moses Amos.

The report indicates the actual impact will depend on the plants and animals involved, and other factors affecting production, such as geographic location, farming practices and dependence on agriculture.

To tackle uncertain futures, innovative approaches are needed to envision how different changes may play out on the ground.

The report illustrates four contrasting scenarios—Tug of war, Living on the edge, Cash now, pay later and Crisis in paradise—that tell the story of different development pathways, which will ultimately prove useful for developing and testing plans and strategies.

"The scenarios offer essential information for policy-makers, to test and guide efforts to develop policies that enhance resilience and strengthen adaptation to climate change among fishers and farmers in the Pacific region," CCAFS Director, Bruce Campbell, said.

The scenarios were developed by policy makers, researchers, civil society and businesspeople from the region, working together through a process facilitated by a team from Oxford's Environmental Change Institute which included consultations in Fiji last year.

They provide important insights into the different dimensions of the food system, including fisheries and forests, trade, affordability and consumption, and public health. The report's three main recommendations for action to respond to climate change in the Pacific are:

1. Conduct national assessments of the vulnerability of agriculture in Pacific Island countries and territories to climate change and identify, for example, the implications for food security and livelihoods from projected changes in production, population and urbanisation.

2. Identify research to be done in each country to implement priority adaptations based on, for example, projected food needs of rural and urban populations and existing production methods and capacity, including traditional knowledge.

3. Strengthen food systems research for the region, for example, by creating effective partnerships between national research and extension agencies, farmers' networks, ngos and scientific institutions to improve national capacity to carry out research, and by providing farmers and fishing communities with climate services to guide their investments and activities.

You can also explore the scenarios in depth and watch them come to life in an animated film https://youtu.be/bg-PEKDNj3M. ***(PR)***

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Business

Senate to consider Puerto Rico aid by end of June

WASHINGTON (AP)—Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday the Senate will consider a rescue package to ease Puerto Rico's financial crisis before the U.S. territory's $2 billion payment to creditors is due July 1.

The House overwhelmingly passed legislation to create a new control board and restructure some of Puerto Rico's $70 billion debt last week. The Senate is expected to take up the same bill "sometime before the end of the month," McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters Tuesday.

Puerto Rico has already missed several payments to creditors while a lengthy recession has crippled commerce, sparked unemployment and driven hundreds of thousands of people to the U.S. mainland. In a rare display of political unity, the House bill had the support of President Barack Obama, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who see it as the best hope for the island's 3.5 million Americans.

Some senators have opposed the legislation, though, and that opposition could slow passage. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., has spoken out strongly against the House bill, saying the control board would take away the rights of ordinary Puerto Ricans and has colonialist overtones. He said he is hoping to try and amend the House bill when the Senate debates it.

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said the rescue package would "make a terrible situation even worse." He has introduced his own bill to help the territory.

Like all U.S. states and territories, Puerto Rico cannot declare bankruptcy under federal law. The legislation would allow the seven-member control board to oversee negotiations with creditors and the courts over reducing some debt, but the bill does not provide any taxpayer funds to reduce that debt.

Some Republicans have expressed concerns that it could serve as a precedent for financially stressed states. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the chairman of the Finance Committee, said he doesn't like the House legislation but acknowledged that "I think I'm going to have to" support it.

FDA approves stomach-draining obesity treatment

WASHINGTON (AP)_A new weight loss device offers a novel approach to cutting calories: draining them from the stomach before they are fully digested.

The AspireAssist system consists of a thin tube implanted in the stomach, connecting to an outside port on the skin of the belly. About 20 minutes after finishing a meal, users connect the port to an external device, which drains some of the recently-consumed food into the toilet.

The manufacturer—Aspire Bariatrics based in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania—says its system removes about 30 percent of food stored in the stomach before it begins causing weight gain.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the device on Tuesday for adults who are obese, with a body mass index of 35 to 55, and have not been able to lose weight with other methods.

It's the latest option for millions of obese Americans who have been unable to lose weight via more traditional methods. Obesity is considered one of the nation's leading public health problems because it can trigger diabetes and lead to heart disease and other serious health problems.

About 38 percent of all U.S. adults are obese. A 5-foot-9 person would be obese at 203 pounds.

Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that rates of obesity among women had reached 40 percent for the first time. That compares to a 35 percent obesity rate for men.

The FDA said it approved the new device based on studies showing patients lost an average of 12 percent of their total body weight one year after the procedure. That compared to 3.6 percent weight loss for patients who didn't receive the device.

Side effects seen with AspireAssist included nausea, vomiting, constipation and diarrhea.

"Patients need to be regularly monitored by their health care provider and should follow a lifestyle program to help them develop healthier eating habits and reduce their calorie intake," said FDA deputy director Dr. William Maisel, in a statement.

Weight loss surgery is recommended for those with a BMI of 40 or those with a BMI of 35 who have other risk factors like diabetes or high blood pressure.

Disney CEO Iger says China has 'incredible potential'

SHANGHAI (AP)—China represents "incredible potential" for Walt Disney Co. and this week's opening of Shanghai Disneyland offers the entertainment giant a chance to boost its brand in the world's most populous film market, Disney's chief executive said Wednesday.

Disney's first theme park in mainland China is designed to be "authentically Disney" but also "distinctly Chinese," Bob Iger said ahead of Thursday's grand opening for the $5.5 billion park.

Shanghai Disneyland could help to revive Disney's struggling international theme parks business. It will face competition from China's own young but ambitious entertainment brands and potential hurdles from official controls and censorship.

Disney movies including "The Lion King" and "Frozen" are popular in China, but Iger said the theme park plans to create a stronger connection to Chinese consumers.

"China obviously represents incredible potential for the Walt Disney Co.," said Iger.

"We've considered many ways to approach growth in China," he said. "Nothing is as impactful, nothing creates a connection to our stories, to our brands, to our characters, as a theme park experience."

Analysts expect Shanghai Disneyland to become the world's most-visited theme park, attracting up to 50 million guests a year, compared with 19.3 million people for Disney's flagship Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in 2014.

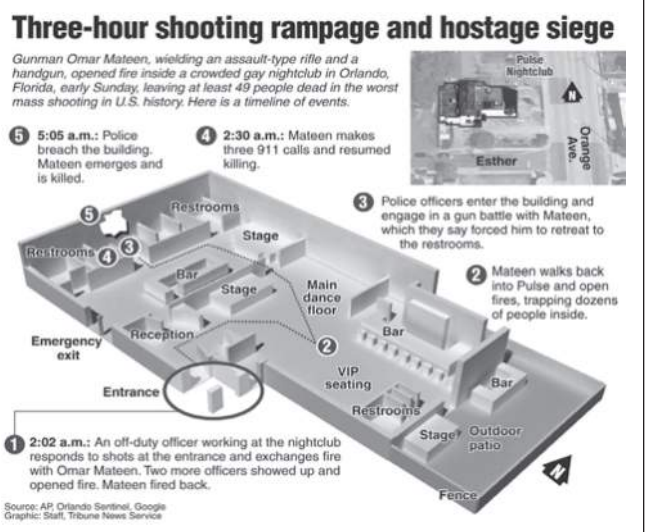
Despite a sharp slowdown in growth, China's economy still is one of the world's best-performing and tourism spending is rising.

Total visitor numbers to theme parks are forecast to more than double to 282 million in 2019 from 2014's 133 million, according to Euromonitor International, a research company.

Nation

FBI looking whether Orlando gunman led a secret gay life

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The murky picture of Orlando gunman Omar Mateen grew more complex Tuesday with word that the FBI is investigating whether he had been a regular at the gay dance club he attacked and had been leading a secret life as a gay man.


Three-hour shooting rampage and hostage siege
Gunman Omar Mateen, wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun, opened fire inside a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, early Sunday, leaving at least 49 people dead in the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. Here is a timeline of events.
Pulse Nightclub
Orange Ave.
Esther
5 5:05 a.m.: Police breach the building. Mateen emerges and is killed.
4 2:30 a.m.: Mateen makes three 911 calls and resumed killing.
3 Police officers enter the building and engage in a gun battle with Mateen, which they say forced him to retreat to the restrooms.
2 Mateen walks back into Pulse and open fires, trapping dozens of people inside.
1 2:02 a.m.: An off-duty officer working at the nightclub responds to shots at the entrance and exchanges fire with Omar Mateen. Two more officers showed up and opened fire. Mateen fired back.
Restrooms
Stage
Bar
Main dance floor
Reception
Emergency exit
Entrance
VIP seating
Outdoor patio
Fence
Source: AP, Orlando Sentinel, Google
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

As victims described the bloody horror of the massacre during a riveting hospital news conference, investigators continued to gather information on the 29-year-old American-born Muslim—and took a close look at his wife, too—for clues to the attack that left 49 victims dead.

An official who was briefed on the progress of the case but insisted on anonymity to discuss a continuing investigation said authorities believe Mateen's wife knew about the plot ahead of time, but they are reluctant to charge her on that basis alone.

A number of possible explanations and motives for the bloodbath have emerged, with Mateen professing allegiance to the Islamic State group in a 911 call during the attack, his ex-wife saying he was mentally ill, and his father suggesting he was driven by hatred of gays.

Hillary Clinton wins DC primary, as she meets with Sanders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Clinton brought a close to the presidential primary season with a win Tuesday in the nation's capital and a meeting with dispatched rival Bernie Sanders, hoping to set a tone of Democratic unity heading into next month's party convention in Philadelphia.

Clinton's win in the District of Columbia, the final primary of 2016, had no bearing on her role as the presumptive nominee, but it nevertheless marked a transition in the lengthy primary fight between the two rivals.

In virtually identical statements released after meeting for more than 90 minutes, the Clinton and Sanders campaigns said the two rivals discussed their primary campaign, "unifying the party and ... the dangerous threat that Donald Trump poses to our nation." Neither spoke to reporters after the session at a Washington, D.C., hotel a few blocks from the White House.

Clinton told Sanders she appreciated his commitment to stopping Trump in the general election and the two discussed issues in which they share common goals, including "raising wages for working families, eliminating undisclosed money in politics and reducing the cost of college for students and their families." Both candidates agreed to work together on the development of the platform at the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

Before polls closed in Washington, where Clinton won with nearly 80 percent of the vote, Sanders vowed again to do all he can to prevent Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, from reaching the White House—but he declined to endorse Clinton.

The Vermont senator had said the private meeting would help him determine how committed Clinton will be to the policy issues he has staked out during his 13-month campaign.

ACROSS THE NATION

5 dead, 1 arrested in Los Angeles abandoned building fire

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A dispute between homeless people living together in an abandoned office building led one of them to set a fire that killed five others, authorities alleged Tuesday. Just one man was declared dead during the fire on Monday night, but two more men and two women were found dead in the rubble by a search team with dogs on Tuesday afternoon, city fire officials said. The delay came because the badly damaged building was too unstable to search immediately, fire Chief Ralph Terrazas said. The bodies were found under a significant amount of debris.

Deputies: Gator drags toddler into water near Disney resort

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Authorities are searching for a child who was dragged into the water by an alligator near Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Orlando. Multiple news outlets report that Orange County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Rose Silva says the 2-year-old child was dragged into the Seven Seas Lagoon about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. Deputies are continuing to search the waters. Silva says the child has not been found.

Police: Armed worker took hostages, fatally shot at Wal-Mart

AMARILLO, Texas (AP)—Officers fatally shot an armed man inside a Wal-Mart store in Amarillo, Texas, on Tuesday after he took two people hostage, including a manager with whom he had a work-related dispute, according to police. Amarillo police identified the suspect as 54-year-old store employee Mohammad Moghaddam and said neither hostage was injured. Police said the incident began over a dispute related to a promotion and called the incident a "workplace violence event." "This individual had an ongoing difference, dispute or feud with a manager at Walmart," said Amarillo Police Sgt. Brent Barbee. "There is absolutely no information or reason to believe that this is a terrorist event."

Asia

Beheading draws outrage but no end in sight for Abu Sayyaf

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Enraged by the beheading of a second Canadian hostage by ransom-seeking Abu Sayyaf extremists, Philippine troops pressed a major offensive in the south Tuesday but there was no sign of an end to the small but brutal insurgency that a new president will inherit in about two weeks.

With a black Islamic State group-style flag as a backdrop, Abu Sayyaf fighters beheaded Canadian hostage Robert Hall on southern Jolo island on Monday after a ransom deadline passed. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Philippine counterpart, Benigno Aquino III, expressed outrage and vowed to exact justice.

Another Canadian, former mining executive John Ridsdel, was beheaded by the militants in April. The fate of two other hostages from Norway and the Philippines who were abducted with Hall and Ridsdel from a small marina on southern Samal Island in September remains unknown, according to the military.

"This latest heinous crime serves to strengthen our government's resolve to put an end to this reign of terror and banditry," Aquino said through his spokesman.

In Ottawa, Trudeau said his government is "more committed than ever to working with the government of the Philippines and international partners to pursue those responsible for these heinous acts and bring them to justice, however long it takes."

Monday's beheading is the latest tragedy in the volatile mix of poverty, firearms, neglect and lawlessness that has cursed the southern Philippines.

The resource-rich region, where foreign and domestic mining, pineapple and banana companies have made fortunes, has been engulfed by Muslim and Marxist insurgencies.

The Abu Sayyaf emerged in the early 1990s as an extremist offshoot of a decades-long Muslim separatist rebellion waged by a large group named the Moro National Liberation Front. But the nascent Abu Sayyaf lost its commanders early in combat, sending its mostly rural fighters on a violent path of criminality, banditry and terrorism.

The group currently has about 400 fighters split into at least four factions.

Aside from support from an informal network of armed groups, the Abu Sayyaf also finds a lifeline among relatives and friends in rural communities who shelter them and provide food, logistics and information when they are pressed by army offensives.

China bans exports to NKorea with possible military use

BEIJING (AP)—China on Wednesday banned exports to North Korea of technology and materials that might be used in weapons production in a new response to the North's development of nuclear weapons and missiles.

The list of banned "dual use" items with possible civilian and military use includes metal alloys, cutting and laser-welding equipment and materials that could be used in production of chemical weapons, the Commerce Ministry said.

Beijing has long supported the North Korean government but in a sign of growing frustration signed on in March to United Nations sanctions enacted in response to the North's fourth nuclear test. Those penalties include a ban on sales of "dual use" items.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's government has intensified nuclear activities in defiance of U.N. sanctions.

China is the impoverished North's main trading partner and aid donor, making its cooperation essential for the success of trade penalties.

In April, China banned imports of North Korean coal and iron ore, an important revenue source for the impoverished country. Beijing also banned sales of jet fuel to the North, though it said civilian aircraft would be allowed to refuel on flights to China.

Beijing balked at previous demands by Washington and other governments to use trade as leverage against North Korea. Chinese diplomats said the potential humanitarian impact of sanctions had to be considered.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Chinese naval ship enters Japanese territorial waters

TOKYO (AP)—A Chinese naval intelligence ship briefly entered Japan's territorial waters early Wednesday morning, a Japanese government spokesman said. Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroshige Seko said a Maritime Self-Defense Force plane spotted the ship in Japanese waters west of Kuchinoerabu island in southern Japan before dawn. The ship sailed out of Japan's waters about 90 minutes later, he said. Japanese public broadcaster NHK reported it was the first time a Chinese naval vessel had been spotted in Japan's waters since a submarine was detected off Ishigaki island in 2004. Following the latest incident, a Foreign Ministry official expressed concern to a Chinese embassy official in Tokyo about Chinese naval activity generally, Seko said. Japan reacted more harshly last week after a Chinese navy ship sailed near the Senkaku islands, which China also claims and calls the Diaoyu islands.

Tokyo governor to resign over misuse of funds

TOKYO (AP)—The governor of Tokyo submitted his resignation Wednesday, ending a weeks-long bid to stay in power despite a mounting scandal over his alleged use of political funds for personal purposes. Gov. Yoichi Masuzoe (yoh-ee-chee mah-soo-zoh-eh) had come under intense questioning in the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly for allegedly using the money for family trips, artwork and other expenses. He looked set to lose a no-confidence motion that lawmakers had been preparing to introduce later Wednesday. Japanese media reported that the resignation would take effect June 21. The impact on planning for the 2020 summer Olympics in Tokyo is unclear. Masuzoe had been scheduled to attend the Rio Olympics opening ceremony in August, and would have accepted the Olympic flag during a handover at the closing ceremony. His predecessor, who played a leading role in securing the bid for the 2020 Olympics, also resigned over a money-related scandal. Naoki Inose stepped down in December 2013 after revelations that he had received 50 million yen ($480,200) from a hospital company.

World

NATO ministers agree to deploy four battalions to eastern flank

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg speaks during a media conference at NATO headquarters in Brussels on Monday, June 13, 2016. AP

BRUSSELS (AP)—NATO on Tuesday reinforced its defenses against Russia from the Baltic to the Black Sea, delivering what NATO's chief called a clear message to Moscow that "if any of our allies is attacked the whole alliance will respond as one."

Jens Stoltenberg, the alliance secretary-general, told a news conference that NATO defense ministers agreed to deploy four multinational battalions on a rotational basis to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

He said the ministers also agreed on "tailored measures" to enhance "defense and deterrence" in the Black Sea region, including the advance stockpiling of equipment and supplies.

"NATO is an alliance that delivers," Stoltenberg said..

Earlier, as the defense ministers began the first of two days of meetings at NATO headquarters, the secretary-general called "defending our territory and protecting our people" NATO's primary task.

The ministers' meetings are meant to set the stage for NATO's summit next month from July 8-9 in Warsaw. On Tuesday and Wednesday, ministers are also expected to agree to cooperate more closely with the European Union in security affairs, discuss how to improve NATO cyberdefense, intelligence-sharing and decision-making to face current challenges, and meet with Ukraine's defense minister.

Without disclosing details, Stoltenberg also said "we will establish a framework to deal with threats and challenges from the south"—NATO speak for the Islamic extremist violence that has become widespread in the Middle East and North Africa.

The U.S., Britain and Germany have already committed to spearheading the development of three of the four battalions earmarked for Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. A senior U.S. official said Canadian leaders are currently meeting to discuss the possibility that they would coordinate the development of the fourth battalion.

Bahrain suspends main Shiite opposition party amid crackdown

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Bahrain suspended the country's largest Shiite opposition group in a surprise court hearing Tuesday, intensifying its crackdown on dissent five years after Arab Spring protests rocked the island kingdom.

The Al-Wefaq opposition group has been suspended before amid turmoil over the protests and lingering unrest. The small Shiite-majority island off the coast of Saudi Arabia is ruled by a Sunni monarchy, which has imprisoned several activists and deported others.

A statement from the Justice and Islamic Affairs Ministry carried on the state-run Bahrain News Agency accused Al-Wefaq of creating "a new generation that carries the spirit of hatred," and of having links with "sectarian and extremist political parties that adopt terrorism." It said a court in Manama ordered the party suspended and its funds frozen.

Abdulla al-Shamlawi, the lawyer who represented Al-Wefaq in court, denied all the allegations.

He said he was served the court papers only Tuesday morning for the hearing and had to argue to be allowed to offer any sort of rebuttal. He said the complaint alleged Al-Wefaq had damaged Bahrain's national security since its inception in 2001 and also included allegations about it causing unrest during the 2011 protests.

"It was out of the blue," al-Shamlawi told The Associated Press. "They say Al-Wefaq is the sole danger to national security."

He said the court set an Oct. 6 hearing to decide whether to "liquidate" the party—meaning the island's biggest opposition group could be entirely dismantled.

Iran vows to burn nuclear agreement if US scraps it

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's top leader said Tuesday that if the next U.S. president tears up the nuclear deal, Iran will "light it on fire."

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's remarks appeared to be aimed at presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump, who has criticized the deal and vowed to renegotiate it. Khamenei referred to a "U.S. presidential candidate threatening to tear the deal up."

"We do not violate the deal, but if the other party violates it, if they tear the agreement up, we will light it on fire," Khamenei said in remarks published on his official website. Khamenei has the final say on all major issues in Iran.

He said Iran has fulfilled its obligations under the agreement but that the U.S. was dragging its feet on lifting sanctions in the banking and insurance sectors, and on unfreezing Iranian assets. "The Americans have not carried out an important part of their commitments," he said.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif plans to meet with Secretary of State John Kerry in Germany later this week to discuss the implementation of the deal, which went into effect in January.

Khamenei reiterated his opposition to a wider rapprochement with the U.S. and other Western nations, saying they remain hostile toward Iran.

"It is a wrong idea that we can reach a compromise with the U.S.," he said. "The main argument is about the existence of the Islamic Republic, and this cannot be resolved through negotiation."

The landmark nuclear agreement reached nearly a year ago lifted sanctions in exchange for Iran curbing its uranium enrichment program.

Environment

Quick guide to composting

By JOAN MORRIS
THE MERCURY NEWS

Composting is nothing new, but it has become more popular in the last few years as people strive to be better citizens of the planet.

Billi Haug, a master composter with Recycle Smart, says many people want to compost but may need help getting started. Here are some of her tips:

AP
Composting bins can be large and intricate, or as simple as a single stack. Either way you do it, you'll benefit and so will your garden.

BIN COMPOSTING

When planning a traditional compost pile or stack, gather your materials. You'll need 50 percent carbons, called browns, and 50 nitrogen, called greens.

Brown material consists of things such as shredded newspaper and dried leaves. Greens include grass and garden clippings, fruit and vegetable peels from the kitchen, coffee grinds and tea leaves.

Layer the material, starting with either the greens or the browns, alternating the layers and watering each layer lightly before adding the next. This will help you judge how much of each component you are adding. You can stir it later.

Don't add dairy products, meat, fish, bones or oily foods and don't put in large pieces of wood, diseased plants or weeds.

Continue adding materials to the pile until the temperature inside the pile rises. You can use a thermometer, but Haug says you'll be able to tell when the pile gets hot.

Once the pile is about 100 degrees, you can start turning it; once a week should be plenty. When it gets even hotter, 130 degrees and higher, stop adding fuel and turn the pile every other day for two weeks.

Within four weeks, you'll have completed compost, which should be pulled out of the bin and stored for a couple of weeks to cure.

MULCH, MULCH, MULCH

If you don't want to start a composting bin, you can gain some of the same advantages of composting by mulching.

Mulching is a way to protect the ground and feed the soil. In essence you are practicing composting, but the results — the breakdown of organic material into a nutrient rich material — will take place much more slowly.

An easy way to compost in this manner is to use grass clippings as a mulch. You can leave the grass clippings in place on a mowed lawn, instead of collecting them in a bag. The clippings are full of nitrogen and will feed the lawn, helping you reduce the amount of fertilizer you use.

You also can scatter grass clippings and leaves on planted areas. Add grass slowly, about 1 inch at a time, gradually accumulating about 3 inches. Leaves should be chopped — Haug recommends running them through a leaf blower in reverse, or piling them on the driveway and running the lawn mower over them. Cutting them into smaller bits will prevent them from creating a blanket over the soil, which will prohibit water from reaching the ground.

Many things are considered mulch, even rocks and gravel. The rocks won't provide nutrients to the soil, but they will help protect it.

WORM COMPOSTING

Having a worm bin is another way of composting kitchen waste. The worms eat it and then produce castings that are gardener's gold when it comes to rich nutrients for the soil.

Like traditional bin composters, you can buy a worm bin or make your own. For instructions, search the web; for commercial ones, ask your sanitation district if it has special offers on worm bins.

You'll need about a pound of compost worms — red wigglers. You can buy them online or ask your worm composting friends to share some of them. They reproduce quickly.

Next, prepare the worm bed by tearing newspapers into long, inch wide strips. Then use your hands to fluff the paper. You should end up with about three times as much bedding, by volume. You don't want any paper sticking together.

After you've fluffed, sprinkle the paper with water and continue to fluff it up, moistening the paper but not soaking it. Worms don't like their bed too wet.

Put about 3 inches of bedding in the bin and add your worms. Then give them food.

Use only kitchen scraps — mostly fruit and vegetables, no meat or dairy. Don't feed them eggs, although crushed egg shells are OK. Worms prefer sweet food, including melons and other fruits. Chop it into small pieces and then cover the food and worms with more damp newspaper.

If you can smell the worm bin, something has gone wrong. It may be too wet, or you may have added food the worms won't or can't eat.

In two to three months, you should be able to harvest the castings. Give yourself plenty of time for the task as it can be consuming.

Worm castings need another month or so to cure, and they can keep for a long time. Use them indoors and out by diluting them in water. A little can go a long way.

Washington limits carbon pollution from largest sources

SEATTLE (AP)—Washington state regulators on Wednesday unveiled an updated plan to limit greenhouse gas emissions from large polluters, the latest attempt by Gov. Jay Inslee to push ahead with a binding cap on carbon emissions after struggling to win approval from legislators.

Washington would join nearly a dozen states including California that have capped carbon pollution from industrial sources.

The proposed rule requires large industrial emitters to gradually reduce carbon emissions over time. The rule would cover many industries, including power plants, oil refineries, fuel distributors, pulp and paper mills and others.

Inslee, who has called climate change "the single most important issue of our time," has gained national attention on environmental issues but so far has failed in his own state to pass ambitious carbon-reduction proposals, including a plan to charge polluters a fee for emissions. Frustrated by inaction in the Legislature, Inslee last year used his executive authority and directed state regulators to limit carbon pollution under the state's Clean Air Act.

"Today is an exciting day in our continued quest to provide cleaner air for Washingtonians," Inslee said in a video statement Wednesday. He said carbon pollution is hurting the state and cited two consecutive record-setting wildfire seasons that burned about 2,000 square miles, among other climate-related problems.

On Wednesday, Inslee joined leaders of Oregon, California and British Columbia in San Francisco to sign a climate agreement with six West Coast cities. The pact says they will work together to encourage zero-emissions vehicles, to reduce energy use in buildings and to take other measures.

Under Washington's proposed rule, expected to be finalized in late summer, large emitters would be required to reduce carbon emissions by an average of 1.7 percent annually.

The rule would initially apply to about two dozen oil refineries, power plants and others that release at least 100,000 metric tons of carbon a year. Many more facilities would likely be covered by the rule as the threshold is lowered over the next decades.

Kris Johnson, president of the Association of Washington Business, said his group is still concerned about the potential economic damage from this new regulation.

He said in a statement that the cap "sends the wrong signal to businesses of all sizes, both those that are here already and those hoping to relocate here, by driving up energy costs for employers and families."

According to the state's preliminary economic analysis, the rule would cost businesses between $1.4 billion and $2.8 billion over 20 years to comply. But it's also estimated to provide about $14.5 billion in benefits over 20 years, such as improved environmental and health conditions, according to a state analysis.

Officials with the Washington Department of Ecology say the rule is needed to protect human health and the environment from climate change. It would cover about two-thirds of the state's emissions.

"Carbon pollution has reached rampant levels and we're committed to capping and reducing it," said Sarah Rees, Ecology's special assistant on climate policy.

Some critics said the proposed rule doesn't require enough emissions reductions and disregards current science. "We are extremely disappointed," said Andrea Rodgers, an attorney representing young activists who sued the state to force it to adopt new rules to limit carbon emissions based on the best-available science.

Businesses can comply by lowering their emissions, buying "emissions reduction credits" from others in the program, investing in projects that permanently reduce emissions in the state or buy allowances through another cap-and-trade program such as ones run by California and Quebec.

It's the state's second attempt at an emissions rule.

Ecology officials said Wednesday that the latest version addresses concerns raised by businesses, environmental groups and others when the first draft was released. The agency withdrew that draft rule in February to make changes.

Stu Clark, the state's air quality manager, said this version tries to accommodate business growth, recognize actions that have already taken steps to reduce their emissions before the rule takes effect and provides provisions for ene

Life & Style

Orlando gunman's face, name become journalism challenge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anderson Cooper faced the camera, his voice freighted with emotion, and took a stand on covering the worst mass shooting in U.S. history.

"We will not say the gunman's name or show his photograph," Cooper told CNN viewers on a telecast Monday. "It's been shown far too much already."

The withholding of such information is an unusual but not unprecedented move by a reporter or news organization, one that some media experts say can be justified.

Cooper said on-air that his intention was to keep the focus where it belonged, on the 49 people who died in last weekend's nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, and not on the killer. He went on to identify and describe each of the known victims.

That approach is both journalistically sound and potentially valuable, given findings that people who commit such high-profile crimes have a "sick desire to become famous and known for what they did," said Paul Levinson, professor of communication and media studies at Fordham University.

Reporting an attacker's name could encourage other people who might seek to gain their own violent measure of dark fame, Levinson said.

"The purpose of journalism is to keep the public informed but not when that could entail a loss of life," he said.

With any high-profile gunman's identity and photo widely available through multiple news and social media outlets, is there value in one reporter's black-out?

Yes, said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Given the U.S. rate of mass shootings, a reporter who disrupts the standard narrative by keeping a killer in the shadows "is inviting us to step back and experience this as not just one more (attack) but in its own right," Jamieson said.

Through a CNN spokesman, Cooper declined comment Tuesday on his decision regarding Omar Mateen, who was shot to death after killing and injuring some 100 people in the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

While Cooper's approach to the Florida gunman appears to be unique among major TV network and cable reporters and their outlets, it's a path taken by others in reporting on previous mass killings.

After an Oregon community college was attacked last fall, Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly didn't refer to the gunman by name. But she did identify Mateen, a decision explained by Tom Lowell, Kelly's executive producer.

"When we encounter an event where it becomes apparent that the shooter was driven by the desire for infamy, we decline to help," Lowell said in a statement.

But when it's clear there is some other primary motive such as terrorism or ideology, then the killer typically will be identified, Lowell said. He cited as examples Orlando and a 2015 attack on Planned Parenthood in Colorado.

AP

Visitors pay the respects at a makeshift memorial at Orlando Regional Medical Center, a few blocks from the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Origin of 'Stairway to Heaven' questioned at copyright trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The opening to Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," one of rock 'n' roll's best-known ballads, was played for jurors Tuesday in a case brought by the estate of a dead musician that claims it was stolen by the men credited with creating it.

A lawyer for the estate trustee of the late Randy Wolfe, also known as Randy California, claimed the British rockers lifted the passage from the instrumental tune "Taurus," recorded by his band Spirit, and infringed on the songwriter's copyright.

"This was a song that Randy California had written for the love of his life, Robin. That was her sign, Taurus," said attorney Francis Malofiy. "Little did anyone know it would fall into the hands of Jimmy Page and become the intro to 'Stairway to Heaven.'"

An attorney for guitarist Page and singer Robert Plant told the eight-person jury during opening statements in Los Angeles federal court that the chord progression in Wolfe's song is common and found in songs dating to the 1600s and that other similarities also exist.

"Do re mi appears in both songs," said attorney Peter Anderson, who also claims Wolfe's estate doesn't own the copyright to "Taurus."

Page and Plant, both with their long hair pulled back and dressed in dark gray suits and white shirts, listened quietly as the first two minutes of the song was played for the jury. Their attorney then played a piano interpretation of "Taurus" that had only a vague similarity.

AP

In this July 13, 1985 file photo, singer Robert Plant, left, and guitarist Jimmy Page of the British rock band Led Zeppelin perform at the Live Aid concert at Philadelphia's J.F.K. Stadium.

Malofiy showed videos of guitar interpretations of both songs, which sounded more alike. When played simultaneously, similarities and differences could be seen and heard.

Malofiy said Wolfe's work formed the basis for the riff that made the song a hit that is still widely played.

"When you hear those first iconic notes of 'Stairway to Heaven,' it's instantly recognizable," Malofiy said.

Joe Bennett, a forensic musicologist at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee, said both pieces are based on a descending chromatic chord sequence in A minor that was used decades earlier for the song "My Funny Valentine" and in other well-known pieces.

"It's a well-used musical device. We can say with certainty that that chord sequence is not original," he said. "It wasn't written originally in 1968" when "Taurus" was released.

U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner ruled in April that evidence presented in hearings made a credible case that Led Zeppelin may have heard "Taurus" performed before their song was created.

Wolfe, who drowned in 1997 saving his son in Hawaii, wrote "Taurus" either 1966 or 1967. "Stairway to Heaven" came out in 1971.

Led Zeppelin opened for Spirit in their debut U.S. show in December 1968 in Denver, Malofiy said.

Page and Plant didn't hear the song for decades, though Led Zeppelin had incorporated a bass riff from one of Spirit's songs, "Fresh Garbage," in a medley, Anderson said.

In Loving Memory of

†Morea Williams

October 18, 1965 – June 11, 2016

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Parents:
†Dopel & †Iunis Williams

Children, Grand Children and Spouses:
Morina / Diophil Williams Maneran
(Lana, Disalyn and MJ)
Danny Williams Mauricio
Morson Williams / Keilynn Arriola

Brothers, Sisters/Spouses:
Katherine / †Luis Benavente & Children
†Leo / †Luisa Williams & Children
†Dehrry / Karmy Williams & Children
†Jonah / Juwani Williams & Children
Gideon / Lolaine Williams & Children
Saimon / †Tersi Williams & Children
Asitaro / Klodi Willliams & Children
Ezra/ Swister Williams & Children
†Keithleen Williams
Timothy / Rumi Williams & Children
Yumiko / Caster W. Herman & Children

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday June 18, 2016.Her remains will be escorted from CHC to Saipan Gospel Revival Church in As Perdido at 7:30 am. Viewing will take place on her arrival till 11:30am. Christian Service will be held at 1:00 pm, followed by the Interment Service at Tanapag Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

The Family

DeGeneres shares a biopic with a blue fish in 'Finding Dory'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—"Finding Dory " isn't just about a little blue fish looking for a home. The long-awaited sequel to "Finding Nemo " also reflects the journey of the woman behind the gills, Ellen DeGeneres.

Like Dory, DeGeneres had been feeling a little lost 13 years ago, when she first voiced the happy little fish with short-term memory issues. DeGeneres had publicly come out as gay a few years earlier, and had the title character on her namesake sitcom do the same.

It was a cultural flash point; then the show was cancelled. About the same time, DeGeneres' three-year relationship with Anne Heche suffered a painful ending.

"For a while, I didn't imagine that I would have anything again," DeGeneres said in a recent interview, her blue eyes bright and direct. "So then I just kept swimming." She returned to the standup circuit and started over. Soon, DeGeneres was launching her daytime talk show .

"Just keep swimming" is Dory's motto. The little fish may not always know where she is or what she's doing there, but she can keep moving forward.

"It was weird that (writer-director Andrew Stanton) was writing that at the same time that I was really wondering what was going to happen to me," DeGeneres said.

Now her Emmy-winning show is in its 13th season. She's a CoverGirl spokeswoman; she hosted the Oscars, Emmys and Grammys twice each; and introduced her own lifestyle brand, ED, last year. Everyone knows what happened to DeGeneres: she became an A-list star.

She had been lobbying on her talk show for a sequel to "Nemo" for years, but she was still shocked when the call came in—especially when Stanton said Dory was the main character.

"That's a day I'll never forget," DeGeneres said.

AP
In this Feb. 11, 2016 file photo, host Ellen DeGeneres appears during a taping of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," in Burbank, Calif.

"Finding Dory" introduces the blue tang fish as a baby, long before she meets her clownfish pals Marlin and Nemo. Little Dory's doting parents are helping their daughter develop skills for dealing with her memory troubles when an undertow whisks her out to sea. Dory quickly forgets why she's in the open ocean, and just keeps swimming until she makes new friends.

Along the way, she discovers that what she thought were liabilities are actually strengths. Her spontaneous way of approaching challenges inspires her fish friends to ask themselves, "What would Dory do?"

The role represents DeGeneres' first major acting gig since "Nemo." She spent three years recording bits of Dory's vocals alone in a sound booth—the same one where "Nemo" taped a decade earlier.

"She walked in and we picked up exactly where we had left off," Stanton said.

Like when she agreed to host the Oscars a second time, DeGeneres was ready for a challenge when Stanton called. Could she move audiences with nothing more than her voice?

"This is, to me, harder than acting with your body and our facial expressions," she said. "It's challenging to act with only your voice."

In a scene where Dory cries, DeGeneres says she shed real tears.

"I love being able to express myself in different ways and be emotional and not just be funny all the time," she said.

Stefani 'shaken,''horrified' by Christina Grimmie's murder

AP
In this Nov. 22, 2015 file photo, Gwen Stefani arrives at the American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—Gwen Stefani says she and her fellow "The Voice" coaches are shocked and horrified by the death of season six contestant Christina Grimmie.

"Everybody, you know, is shaken," Stefani said during an interview Monday when asked about Grimmie's death. "It's just a shock and ...it makes me feel totally vulnerable."

Grimmie, a 22-year-old singer and YouTube star from New Jersey, was killed last week as she signed autographs after a show in Orlando. Authorities say she apparently had no personal connection to the man who shot her and then fatally shot himself.

Stefani, 46, was a coach on two seasons of "The Voice," but did not appear on the NBC competition series when Grimmie placed third in 2014.

"Everybody is just horrified," Stefani said.

The singer's "This is What the Truth Feels Like Tour" kicks off July 12 in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

After suffering seizures, Lil Wayne misses E3 appearance

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lil Wayne won't make it to the Electronic Entertainment Expo.

The rapper and Samsung pitchman was forced to cancel his appearance Tuesday at the interactive industry's annual trade show after suffering what Lil Wayne's spokesman described as two minor seizures.

A spokesman for Samsung says Lil Wayne was originally scheduled to appear Tuesday afternoon at the company's booth at the Los Angeles Convention Center to show off his mobile skateboarding game, "Sqvad Up."

TMZ reports that the rapper's private jet was forced to make two emergency landings at an Omaha airport after he experienced the seizures Monday afternoon.

Lil Wayne's spokesman says the 33-year-old rapper is under the care of his own doctors and was in good spirits.

E3 continues through Thursday and Samsung says Lil Wayne may be rescheduled.

Couple caught in the middle of impending family affair

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Rick," and I have been together for years and recently got engaged. We are over the moon about it, and genuinely in love. However, this exciting time in our lives has been met with some difficulties.

We recently learned Rick's mother has been having an affair, which makes for a very uncomfortable situation. My future mother-in-law doesn't know we know. Rick's father came to us for help because he suspects she's cheating.

She engages with this man publicly by texting, calling, etc. when we spend time with her, so I avoid her because I don't want any part of it. It's hard to ignore because we live with Rick's family.

He believes we should say nothing. I spoke to our priest about it because I am so deeply disturbed by her behavior and was told to "pray for them." I'm worried this will be a negative influence on my fiance and me, and that by remaining quiet we have become part of her lie. What should I do?

CLEAN CONSCIENCE IN THE EAST

DEAR CLEAN CONSCIENCE: Listen to the advice you received from your priest. Pray for your almost in-laws, but do not involve yourself in their marital problems. If Rick's father approaches you again for help, tell him that he needs to discuss his suspicions with his wife because that's the only way his problems will be resolved.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my favorite cat a year ago to kidney disease. I had noticed she wasn't doing well, but when I told my parents, so we could take her to the veterinarian, they insisted she was fine. They said she didn't need to see the vet because her ailments were just age. They refused to have her examined until it was too late, and by then, the vet's attempts to help her only weakened her. She died in my arms on the way home.

I am devastated. She was my therapy animal and she helped me combat my anxiety disorders for over seven years. When she died, my family seemed to be suddenly struck with grief, even though they ignored her most of the time. This makes me angry because I feel their hesitation to take her to the vet and refusal to listen to me are what killed her.

I've forgiven them for what happened, but I still feel upset and angry toward them whenever I see my cat's picture by her urn on my memory shelf. Am I wrong for feeling this way?

NOT FEELING PURRFECT

DEAR NOT FEELING PURRFECT: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your cat. What happened to her is regrettable, but holding a grudge won't help. What might help would be for your parents to get you another therapy cat, and I'm advising you to suggest it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently had her first child (my first grandchild), and I am wondering if there's any protocol regarding the first visit. Should I wait until my daughter invites me, or should I just tell her I want to come? I'm afraid it would be rude to just invite myself before she's ready to show off her newborn.

BABY STEPS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR BABY STEPS: Give your daughter some time to rest and for her and her husband/partner to establish a routine, and then ask when it would be convenient for you to come and if she'd like you to help out in any way. I'm sure that approach would be better received than an announcement.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

BANG! YOU'RE DEAD!
NO I'M NOT. YOU MISSED!
I DID NOT! YOU CHEATER!
I'M HERE TALKING TO YOU, AREN'T I?
OK, THEN.. BANG!
MY, WHAT A MISERABLE SHOT YOU ARE!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

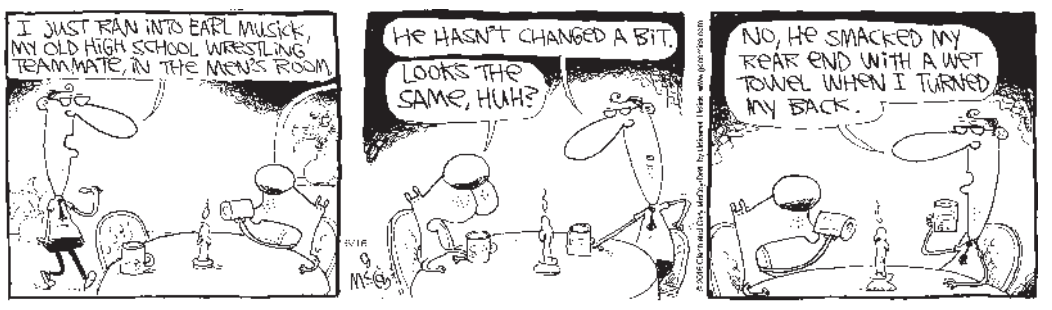
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

SO THE DECK WILL COME OUT TO HERE.
OKAY.
AND IT'LL BE ABOUT THIS HIGH.
WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK PERPLEXED.
I'M JUST TRYING TO PICTURE YOU HOLDING A SAW.
OOH! PICTURE ME WITH A HANDLEBAR MUSTACHE AND TELL ME HOW I LOOK!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


I JUST RAN INTO EARL MUSICK, MY OLD HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAMMATE, IN THE MEN'S ROOM.
HE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT.
LOOKS THE SAME, HUH?
NO, HE SMACKED MY REAR END WITH A WET TOWEL WHEN I TURNED MY BACK.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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9 "Cheers" barkeep
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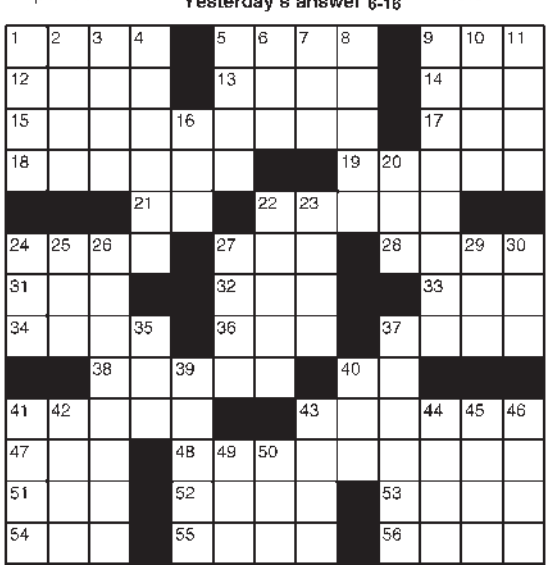
Yesterday's answer 6-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Abby Elliott, 29; Eddie Cibrian, 43; Phil Mickelson, 46; Laurie Metcalf, 61.

Happy Birthday: Don't stop halfway to your goal. Following a strategic plan to the finish line will be to your advantage. Weed out the things you don't need or that don't benefit you anymore. Using your time wisely will be your ticket to success. In the end, less will turn out to be more, giving you greater freedom to do whatever you want. Your numbers are 4, 16, 23, 25, 34, 37, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Compromise in order to keep the peace. An adaptable approach when dealing with friends, loved ones and neighbors will help you find solutions and avoid tension and stress. Personal improvements will turn out better than anticipated. Plan a getaway. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Discuss your feelings and the possibilities that you see unfolding. Helping someone be more self-sufficient will save you time and cash. Show support, but don't be taken for granted. Call the shots and you will stay in control. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Keep close tabs on what's going on around you. Be wary of someone who is offering things under false pretenses. Put more into your mental, emotional and physical well-being. Focus inward instead of trying to change those around you. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Set up meetings or attend functions that allow you to network and bring about personal changes that will help you stand out in a crowd. Expanding your surroundings or creating a space to explore new interests will be enlightening. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't get upset; get moving. Fight back if someone uses emotional tactics to take advantage of you. You've got more going for you than you realize, so call the shots and don't back down. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Mix and mingle, but don't take on other people's responsibilities just to win favors. Invest your time in being the best you can be, not enhancing someone else's chances to get ahead. Let your intuition guide you. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Tune in to what's going on in your neighborhood. Your ability to mix and mingle with people from all walks of life will help you drum up the help you need to bring about important changes. A proposal will surprise you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take advantage of anything that allows you to use your creative imagination. Don't feel you have to spend money in order to prove your point. It's what you do with what you have that will leave the biggest impression on others. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): The changes you are desperate to make are best done strategically. The more calculated and detailed you are, the easier it will be to bypass interference. A celebration with someone special will improve your relationships. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): With time, you'll get a better understanding of what's expected of you. Look for ways to make sure you are getting a fair deal. Incentives that will lead to an equal partnership are all that's required. Negotiate fairly. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): An emotional argument will turn into a costly situation. Share your thoughts and plans, and engage in endeavors that will offer you the help you need to turn your plans into a reality. Romance and compassion should outweigh debates and discord. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put your effort into pending legal, financial or contractual ventures. Problems will arise if you make changes that lovers, friends or relatives don't agree with. Try to keep the peace at home and focus on getting ahead professionally. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are enthusiastic and heroic. You are resourceful, targeted and inspirational.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

7	4	6	2	1	8	9	5	3
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/15

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

BEING ACCURATE Solution: 8 letters

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S	S	E	L	T	L	U	A	F	F	T	I	U	L	I
I	C	N	G	R	A	M	M	A	R	O	S	M	L	N
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L	U	F	E	R	A	C	S	N	R	T	H	E	R	Y
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Calm, Careful, Certainty, Clear-cut, Concrete, Correct, Data, Detailed, Direct, Exact, Factual, Faultless, Flawless, Grammar, Guide, Invoice, Kids, Logical, Luck, Map, Mathematics, Measurements, Names, News, Part, Perfect, Physics, Records, Report, Result, Right, Seek, Sharp, Skills, Solid, Spell, Statistics, Target, Test, Time, Trust, Type, Values, Veracity

Yesterday's Answer: Wedding

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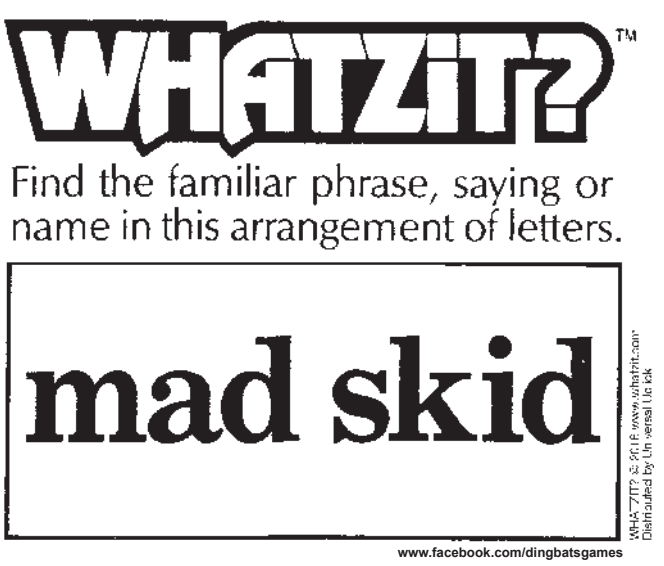
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(6) Construction Workers
U.S. only with 5 years experience in multiple trades. Must have own reliable transportation, no housing, no insurance. Minimum wage. Job starts: Dec. 2, 2016

Send references, police clearance and resume to QCM, LLC. at PMB 3602 Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950.
Closes on July 7, 2016

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St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (06)
- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix Machines
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Hemodialysis Technicians (07)
- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

Water Treatment Technician (02)
- Must be able to perform task which may not appear difficult at first glance, but requires a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain
- Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
- Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
- Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems
- Know the specific operations of the water treatment distribution systems, unique to a dialysis unit
- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities, safety & life safety policies
- Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency test for Certified Water Treatment and Distribution Operators Level II
- Understand plumbing code and plumbing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques, proper plumbing techniques, when working pressure vessels
- Able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with PVC
- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

Building Maintenance and Repair (03)
- Perform a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair task
- Perform preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing and security systems
- Perform rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and petitions
- Install solar panels with experience in the maintenance of PV Models
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High School Graduate or Equivalent

Commercial Cleaners (02)
- Operate various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, buffers and etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings
- Requires working in a damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids as required
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials
- Must handle various cleaning solvents and chemicals that is required by Medicare
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, windows and etc.
- Empty trash containers daily
- Clean and mop bathrooms daily. Mop all corridor floors, lobby and other floors daily
- Report any needed repairs immediately
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients areas and lobby
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping and post occupancy
- Required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner at the business office, Dr.'s office, accounting office, dietician and clinic managers' office
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have their own transportation

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

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EMPLOYMENT

(1) Operations Manager. Bachelor's degree and at least 5 yrs experience in construction industry required.

(1) Construction/Maintenance worker. Extensive knowledge in masonry, plumbing, electrical and carpentry work. Can read blue print and can work w/o supervision. Able to lift heavy blocks and flexible in work schedule. Send resume to PO Box 503317 Saipan or email to noel96950@yahoo.com. GMA Corp.

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1 Taekwondo Instructor, $10.25/hr. Mail resume to Blue Dragon Martial Arts Corporation at P.O. Box 506310 Saipan, MP 96950.

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1 Maintenance and Repair Worker, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to Elliot System, LLC. at P.O. Box 5568 Saipan, MP 96950

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2 Cook, 2 Service Staff/Waiter. Two years experience required. Minimum salary. Email resume to A&L Corporation at anlhrd@aol.com.

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4 Landscaper and Grounds Keeping Worker, (2) Waiters and Waitress, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (01)
- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN license
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- At least two to five year's experience
- English language skills - proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Front Office Manager (01)
- At least with over six year's experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedures and diagnosis
- College Graduate
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Must be a certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spreadsheet and general accounting skills

Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician (01)
- At least six year's experience or related field
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiology Technology
- Must have over six year's experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/knowledgeable with practice partner software in electronic health records usage
- Licensed by Medical Professional Licensing Board, CNMI

General Yard Maintenance (02)
- At least two years' experience with preferred skills
- Experienced in assisting a building construction/renovation
- Maintain the interior and exterior of the clinic in a neat and orderly condition
- Maintain plants by transplanting and fertilizing
- Assist in cleaning the clinics' air conditionings
- Flexible in assisting other related maintenance duties
- Flexible with time schedule

Healthcare Clinic System Manager (01)
- Minimum of three to five years work related skills, knowledge or experience
- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent
- Maintain specialized computer programs relating to healthcare operations (medical billing, patients record, scheduler)
- Maintain all of the company's computer system including computer hardware, software, network and advance servers
- Oversee medical billing department by utilizing specialized computer software
- Oversee administrative areas and designs, develop and maintain paperless computer system
- Building maintenance repair, electronic records and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with Medicare and Medicaid standards
- Perform other duties as may be assigned

Interested applicants must submit a resume or pick up an application at Saipan Health Clinic in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

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NEW HIRING for

Cashiers and Pump Attendants

We are looking for energetic people who are friendly, smiling, dependable, and desires to be a team player to work as Customer Service Representatives.

- Successful candidates must be able to demonstrate effective: People skills, Communication skills, English and Math Skills.
- Reliable transportation is required. Must be punctual.
- Must be willing to learn new skills & follow instructions.
- Must be able to work on flexible schedule; including Sundays and Holidays.
- Sales or Customer Service background helpful.
- A high School Diploma or GED required.
- On island references & police clearance required.

Applications are available at Shell Highway Express Gualo Rai (beside First Hawaiian Bank)

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Apartment/House Cleaner

1 year experience in cleaning commercial & residential establishments.
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Please send resume to
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or email to jacris4916@yahoo.com

JUAN L. ADA need:
(1) Housekeeping
must have at least 2 yrs experience
Contact Name : Maria S. Ada
Contact No. 234-5036

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

PARTS SALES PERSON (2)

- Minimum of 5 years experience
- Expertise in commercial vehicle and heavy equipment parts

APPLY IN PERSON & BRING RESUME
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MTL COMMERCIAL TRADING INC.
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Saipan Plaza Building
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R.E.A.L. Corporation

is looking for

- (1) General Manager - $1,000.00
- (4) Seamstress/Dressmaker
- (15) Masons
- (15) Carpenters
- (10) Construction Workers

Interested applicants may e-mail remypamintuan@gmaill.com for more information.

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GMA Corp. dba NMI Contractor
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Position: Purchasing Officer
Associate's Degree or College Degree and at least 2 years of work experience in procurement or purchasing operations. Must be knowledge-able in purchasing, shipping and delivery documentation. Experience in inventory material monitoring and counting required. Proficiency in MS Office applications such as Word and Excel is required. Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends. Highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication and leadership skills an advantage.

Background checks and pm-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent by mail to P.0 Box 503317, Saipan, MP 96950 or email to noe196950@yahoo.com not later than September 22, 2015.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Wanted Home Furnishing Purchaser/Retailer

- Must be able to show experiences selecting, purchasing and arranging shipment of fine ceramics, furniture and other home furnishings from SE Asia
- Must have +5 years experience in the retail business.
- Must be fluent in Vietnamese, and English with some familiarity with Thai.
- ONLY US residents are eligible to apply.

Please call 256-1041 after 5:00pm to apply.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Commercial Cleaner

- Must have 5+ years experience cleaning offices, restaurants, businesses, and residences.
- ONLY US residents are eligible to apply.
- Must be comfortable working around and cleaning up after dogs and cats.
- Will be cleaning windows, must not be afraid of heights.
- Very good with house plants and accountable for own scheduling

Call 256-1041 (6:30-8:30pm)

WESTERN SALES TRADING COMPANY

has an opening for:

One (1) Sales/Marketing Manager

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Marketing or closely related field (may be foreign equivalent) and two (2) years experience as a Sales and/or Marketing Manager preferably in wines or spirits.

Duties: Reports to company's CEO/General Manager or designee and manages and directs the sales and marketing operations for the company. Works in conjunction with senior management in formulating the company's overall sales policies and marketing (Advertising, Promotions, and Merchandising) plans to optimize the company's sales. Forecast sales, tracks sales performance of company's products and explains variances. Manages and directs activities of sales and marketing personnel (Customer service, product ordering, sales, invoicing, deliveries, merchandising, collections, promotions, and POSs/signages placement and upkeep) and ensures that company's sales and marketing policies and procedures are being followed. Maintains business relationships with existing customers, develops new accounts, and negotiates sales contracts. Resolves any customer concerns or complaints regarding sales and marketing services. Maintains records of all sales and marketing activities; monitors customer preferences to determine focus of sales efforts; and analyzes pricing points and volume in order to make necessary modifications in sales strategy to improve wholesale sales and keep the company competitive. Performs feasibility analyses for expansion into new product lines and market areas. Performs other related duties, as required.

Monthly Salary: $2,000.00
Fringe Benefits Package: Medical Insurance, Paid Leaves, and 401K

If interested, send resume to Western Sales Trading Company by email to bello.lumintegar@yahoo.com or by fax at 670-322-9408. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within three days of hire.

Geotesting, Inc. has openings for:

One (1) Soils/Materials Technician Supervisor
Qualifications: Associate's degree in Civil Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two years experience as a Soils/Materials Technician Supervisor or Soils/Material Engineer.
Duties: Reviews requirements of new projects and assists in preparation of proposals for clients based on the project requirements, scope of site and subsurface explorations and laboratory testing requirements. Logs subsurface soils and rocks in text borings for engineering purposes. Visits project sites and evaluate surface and probable subsurface soil and rock conditions, and other data. Supervises soils/materials technicians in performing laboratory and field testing on soils, concrete, aggregates, bituminous mixtures, and other related materials. Summarizes and prepares reports of the laboratory and field testing data.

Three (3) Assistant Soils/Materials Technician
Qualifications: Associate's degree in Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) or six (6) months experience as a Soils/Materials Technician or Assistant Soils/Materials Technician.
Duties: Assist in performing laboratory and field testing on soils, concrete, aggregates, bituminous mixtures, and other related materials. Test will include, but are not limited to, grain size analysis, compaction, liquid limit and plasticity index, bearing ratio, specific gravity, sand equivalent, and concrete compressive and tensile strength testing. Assist in performing test borings and obtaining subsurface soil samples. Observes excavation and back filling. Assist in performing test for design mix for concrete and bituminous mixes. Assist in performing infiltration tests in the soils. Assist in field sampling of soils, concrete and bituminous mixtures.

One (1) Assistant Materials Supervisor
Minimum qualifications: Associate's degree in Engineering Technology (may be foreign and/or educational equivalent) and two experience in materials testing.
Duties: Performs and supervises laboratory and field testing of construction materials such as soils, aggregates, concrete, and other related materials. Performs and supervises tests for design mix for concrete, bituminous mixtures and related aggregates. Reviews and prepares reports of laboratory and field test data of soils, aggregates, concrete, bituminous mixtures and related materials. Performs and supervises field samplings of soils, concrete, aggregates and related materials. Performs pile foundation installation and assist pile dynamic load tests by Pile Dynamic Analyzer.

Two (2) Core and Deep Well Drill Operator
Minimum qualifications: Two years experience as Core and Deep Well Drill Operator.
Duties: Operates machine to drill wells to 500 feet deep and take samples or cores for analysis of strata. Drives or guides truck-mounted equipment into position, levels and stabilizes rig, and extends telescoping derrick. Starts and controls drilling action and lowering of well casing into well bore. Withdraws drill rod from hole and extracts core sample. Couples additional lengths of drill road as bit advances and changes drill bit as needed. Records drilling progress and geological data assists in performing laboratory and field testing. Maintains and diagnoses drill rigs for repairs.

If interested, send resume to Geotesting, Inc. by email to geotesting@geoguam.com or by fax at 670-235-5000. Proof of qualifications and police clearance required within one week of acceptance to hire.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Restaurant General Manager (1)

Classification: Full-Time, Exempt, 50 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Area General Manager (AGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
Prioritize, directs and coordinates the activities of the restaurant to continually strengthen its Brand position and maximize its sales and profitability.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Achieves management staffing and development goals to plan
  - Has active succession plan in place for all positions
  - Improves employee morale through monitoring and showing urgency in caring for employees.
  - Improves staff performance through frequent personal and team coaching
  - Reduces incidences and claims by making safety everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financials:
  - Achieves sales and profit targets to plan
  - Corrects daily financial deficiencies with urgency.
  - Drives year-over-year growth in sales and profit
- Operations:
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Corrects all asset deficiencies with urgency
  - Eliminates any potential for liability with urgency
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 50 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Skills
- Analytical: Able to analyze reports and correct deficient areas efficiently.
- Problem Solving: Able to implement TOSIDPAR problem solving techniques to achieve desired results.
- Organization & Planning: Able to organize priorities and develop/execute plans achieving desired results.
- Coaching: Able to develop the skills of subordinates to perform at a higher level
- Team Building: Able to stabilize staffing and build team bench.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Assistant Restaurant General Manager (2)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 40-45 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Assistant Restaurant General Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The ARGM assists the RGM in the achievement of the people, financial and operational goals of the restaurant.

Essential Accountabilities
- People:
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/ improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance with all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan.
  - Displays urgency to correct daily financial control deficiencies
  - Strives to drive year-upon-year growth in sales and profits
- Operations
  - Delivers/ improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards
  - Raises the bar in operational execution
- Assets:
  - Ensures facilities are maintained to franchise standard on a daily basis
  - Displays awareness of asset deficiencies and urgency to correct them
  - Displays awareness and urgency to eliminate any potential for liability
- Availability
  - Open availability.
  - Minimum 5 day, 40 - 45 hour work week.
  - Vehicle required.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Shift Manager (2)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Assistant Restaurant General Manager (ARGM)
Restaurant General Manager (RGM)

Summary of Responsibilities
The Shift Manager reports directly to the Restaurant General Manager. The SM assists the RGM in the achievement of the restaurant's people, operational and financial goals.

Essential Accountabilities
- People
  - Assists RGM in achieving restaurant's staffing and development goals
  - Assists RGM in monitoring/improving employee morale
  - Personally coaches staff
  - Ensures safety is everyone's top priority
  - Ensures compliance to all applicable laws
- Financial
  - Assists RGM in achieving sales and profits to plan
  - Displays urgency in correcting daily financial control deficiencies
- Operations
  - Delivers/improves delivery of QSC to franchise operational standards.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma and previous management experience required.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Requires standing and walking for the entire workday.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Delivery Driver (7)

Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week
Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours per week
Department: Operations
Reports To: Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher

Summary of Responsibilities
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Essential Functions
- Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws.
- Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and courteousness.
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.
- Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift.

Other Functions
Performs other duties as assigned.

Education/Experience
High school diploma preferred.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Must provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly, courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours. Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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Warriors still confident of winning 2nd straight title

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry sat on the bench and buried his head in his hand. Fellow Splash Brother Klay Thompson wrapped a towel around his face.

This was misery to watch for the Warriors and their fired-up fans, who made for the exits early during Monday's 112-97 NBA Finals loss to the Cavaliers that sent the series back to Cleveland for a Game 6 on Thursday night.

They wanted so badly to do it for Draymond Green, do it for each other, and for their home crowd this time.

Instead, Golden State is going to Ohio again. One flight the Warriors surely would have preferred not to take at this road-weary stage of another extra-long season, but it will be well worth it if they hoist a second straight trophy when these NBA Finals finally end.

Their "Strength in Numbers" mantra was tested once more in a game that mattered so much. The Warriors lost at home for only the second time this postseason and fourth overall.

Yet there's no panic now for the defending champions after LeBron James and the Cavs forced at least one more game in what has become quite the testy rematch. The Warriors lead the series 3-2.

"We're all disappointed. We want to win," guard Shaun Livingston said. "With the stakes being what they are right now, obviously it's a gut punch. But it's the finals. It's not going to be easy. They're not going to lay down. It doesn't matter who's on the court. We've got to play."

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, top, reaches for the ball next to Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love during the second half of Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Monday, June 13, 2016.

Golden State will get a boost having emotional leader and All-Star forward Green back after he sat out Game 5 serving a suspension for a Game 4 swipe at James' groin. Fans chanted "Free Dray-mond! Free Dray-mond!" and large cutouts of his face waved from all corners of Oracle Arena as he watched from a baseball suite next door in the Oakland Coliseum.

"You want to win here more than anything for your fans. They deserve to see us win," Thompson said.

While Green returns for Game 6, the Warriors might be down big man Andrew Bogut. The 7-foot center sprained his left knee early in the third quarter Monday and traveled with the team to Cleveland after undergoing further tests. An update on his status was planned for Wednesday, team spokesman Raymond Ridder said.

Bogut has been an imposing presence with his shot-blocking ability, but the Warriors have some depth at the position and often use a center-by-committee approach with Festus Ezeli and Marreese Speights among others such as Anderson Varejao getting regular opportunities to contribute.

"If there's a chance he's out Thursday, our bigs are just going to have to step up. Been doing it all year," Thompson said.

Defensively, the Warriors must find a way to keep James and Kyrie Irving from going off the way they did Monday, with each scoring 41 points.

Not that the always-confident Warriors are overly concerned. They are a group that bounced back from every rare loss during a record-setting, 73-win regular season. Golden State is 14-1 following a defeat.

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"We're in the same place we were last year, up 3-2 heading back to Cleveland. If you told me this before the series, I would have taken it," coach Steve Kerr said.

"So we're in a good spot. We're disappointed we didn't win tonight, but, like I said, they outplayed us. They deserved the win. And we'll go back to Cleveland and we'll play a better game for sure."

Golden State doesn't have much further to fall after shooting a postseason-low 36.4 percent - its first game below a 40 percent clip - despite getting 37 points from Thompson with six 3-pointers and Curry's 25 with five 3s.

"You tip your hat to them. They had a great night," Curry said.

The Warriors are trying to close out the fifth championship in franchise history and third since moving out West from Philadelphia in 1962-63.

Each of the past two since coming to the Bay Area have been clinched on the road - the first title in 40 years last June and also in 1975, when the Warriors won at Washington with a four-game sweep of the Bullets.

"It (stinks) that it happened tonight with the opportunity we had in front of us to close out a series at home in front of our home fans, and it's a tough feeling," Thompson said. "But you work hard in the series early to put ourselves in this position again on Thursday, and we'll be ready."

Crash Brothers: Kyrie, LeBron wreck Warriors

CLEVELAND (AP)—Kyrie Irving's now-you-see-it-now-you-don't, ankle-breaking crossover dribble happened at almost the exact spot where his first NBA Finals ended brutally last year with his left leg buckling and kneecap shattering.

He didn't crumble this time, using his left hand to keep his balance before switching hands, stopping, whirling and dropping a contested fadeaway shot over Golden State's Klay Thompson, who shook his head.

In the biggest game of his life, Irving astounded.

Dropping shot all over the floor, Irving matched teammate LeBron James by scoring 41 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers kept their season alive with a 112-97 win in Game 5 of the NBA Finals over the Warriors, who missed suspended forward Draymond Green and their first chance to close out their history-making season with a second straight title.

Irving wouldn't let it happen, delivering a spectacular effort that fulfilled his potential and promise.

"Probably one of the greatest performances I've ever seen live," said James, who joined Irving as the only teammates in finals history to score 40 points in the same game.

With Green barred from Oracle Arena and forced to watch the game in a suite next door at Oakland Coliseum, the Warriors lacked their most essential defensive player. Irving and James took advantage and extended a series that has defied logic and predictions, and could go the distance.

A little splashy, Irving and James were Cleveland's Crash Brothers, wrecking Golden State's plans to pop champagne and kiss the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

Irving, who misfired during Games 1 and 2 at Oracle Arena, was on target from the start in Game 5. He made 17 of 24 shots, including 5 of 7 3-pointers and several twisting layups on which he somehow coaxed the ball through the rim.

The 24-year-old was at his best in the fourth quarter, upstaging even James by scoring 12 points—10 in a stretch of 1:57—to help the Cavs send the series back to Ohio and Quicken Loans Arena on Thursday night. Irving may have to pull off something similar if the Cavs intend to force a Game 7 and maybe become the first team to overcome a 3-1 finals deficit.

"We're not satisfied," Irving said. "We understand the magnitude of what Game 6 means for us at home, and we know that it will be an incredible level that they're going to play at, and we have to play at an even better level."

Irving reached a level in Game 5 that he's only touched in brief, brilliant flashes. With second-to-none ball-handling skills and an uncanny ability to knife his way through defenders, Irving does things that even the league's elite points guards like Stephen Curry, Russell Westbrook and Chris Paul can't duplicate. That's the unstoppable Irving, the gifted one.

However, there's also the Irving who dribbles too much, shoots too often, loafs on defense and forgets his teammates.

The key is striking the right balance, and with Cleveland's season on the ropes, he found it in his sixth finals game. Of course, it helps when shots are going down. He's averaged 35 points in the past three games.

"Kyrie was great tonight and had my number," Thompson said. "Hit some tough shots, but there's nothing you can do about it. Sometimes you put your hand up and it just goes in."

This was the Irving Cleveland needed, the perfect complement to James, forced to take on the Warriors by himself in last year's finals without the star guard -- Irving got hurt in Game 1—or Kevin Love, who contributed just 2 points in Game 5 and remains a conundrum.

Love is again the uncomfortable third wheel in Cleveland's Big 3. He was a non-factor in the Cavs' win, reduced to on-court spectator as Irving and James took turns dissecting Golden State's defense. Love returned to the starting lineup -- he missed Game 3 with a concussion -- but his game remains misplaced amid speculation about his future if the Cavs don't win the title.

Fortunately, the Irving-James duo clicked like never before.

Their relationship has been a curiosity since James returned to Cleveland, effectively swiping the role of team leader, alpha male and headlining star from Irving, who had the city to his own for three years.

They haven't always been in sync, but as Irving and James answered questions following Monday's game, they've rarely appeared more at ease together. They had quieted their critics, silenced a booing Warriors crowd and delayed summer vacation.

At 31 and in his sixth straight finals, James is savoring every step. He and Irving did something special and didn't want to let the night go.

"When you're done with the game and big moments like tonight and moments throughout your career you wish you could get back," he reflected. "No matter how loud you turn the stereo system up in your house, you'll never be able to get it back. You just don't take these moments for granted."

Cubs slip past Nationals to even 3-game series

WASHINGTON -- Albert Almora Jr. drove in the go-ahead run with a ninth-inning double, Dexter Fowler had two hits and the Chicago Cubs beat the Washington Nationals 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Addison Russell led off the ninth with a walk from Sammy Solis (1-2) and was sacrificed to second before Almora, who entered the game in the eighth inning, lined a shot to left center.

Jason Heyward provided a two-run single for Chicago, which evened the three-game series between division leaders. The Nationals beat the Cubs, 4-1, last Monday night.

Washington, which had won four straight, tied it in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Anthony Rendon off closer Hector Rondon.

Rondon (1-1) pitched the final 1 2/3 innings for the win.

AP

Washington Nationals second baseman Daniel Murphy (20) can't make the tag on Chicago Cubs' Ben Zobrist as the latter slides into second base for a double, with umpire Lance Barrett watching during the eighth inning of a baseball game at Nationals Park, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in Washington. The Cubs won, 4-3.

Pirates 4, Mets 0

In New York, Jameson Taillon took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning of his second major league start, dominating New York while pitching Pittsburgh to a victory that snapped a five-game losing streak.

Jung Ho Kang and Starling Marte each hit a two-run homer for the Pirates, backing eight efficient innings of two-hit ball from an impressive Taillon.

Orioles 3, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Manny Machado hit a two-run home run, Chris Tillman struck out seven and Baltimore snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Boston.

The teams entered the three-game series tied atop the American League East. Baltimore has won five of the eight meetings with Boston this season.

Giants 3, Brewers 2

In San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner struck out eight over eight innings to win his career-best seventh straight decision, Buster Posey had season-high four hits and San Francisco beat Milwaukee for its fourth straight victory.

Bumgarner (8-2) allowed four hits and two runs in a 113-pitch performance. His seven-game winning streak spanning 10 starts since an April 20 loss to Arizona is the longest by a Giants pitcher since Barry Zito's seven consecutive victories Aug. 7-Oct. 2, 2012.

Rangers 10, Athletics 6

In Oakland, Elvis Andrus, Ryan Rua and Robinson Chirinos homered to lead Texas over Oakland.

Martin Perez (6-4) retired 14 of 15 batters before allowing three straight one-out hits in Oakland's three-run sixth.

Astros 5, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Doug Fister pitched effectively into the eighth inning and gave Houston breathing room with a two-run single in a victory over St. Louis.

Colby Rasmus hit his 150th career homer in his first game back in St. Louis since 2011. Fister had been 0 for 2 on the season before hitting the first pitch from reliever Seung Hwan Oh up the middle to put the Astros up by three in the seventh.

Rays 8, Mariners 7

In St. Petersburg, Evan Longoria and Corey Dickerson had three RBI apiece and Tampa Bay rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Seattle.

Longoria's seventh homer in his last 10 games, a three-run shot off Nick Vincent, tied it at 7 in the seventh. Mike Montgomery (2-2) entered and walked two straight before Dickerson's RBI single put Tampa Bay ahead 8-7.

Royals 3, Indians 2

In Kansas City, Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, and Kansas City held on through a shaky ninth to beat Cleveland.

Joakim Soria (3-2) pitched a scoreless eighth inning for Kansas City, then proceeded to handle the ninth with setup man Kelvin Herrera and closer Wade Davis resting after having each pitched the last three days.

Tigers 11, White Sox 8

In Chicago, Justin Upton doubled, tripled and drove in four runs; J.D. Martinez had three of Detroit's season-high seven doubles and the Tigers this time held on to a big lead and beat skidding Chicago.

After blowing a 7-0 lead in a 12-inning loss a night earlier, the Tigers raced to a 10-2 edge in the fourth.

Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Chase Utley homered and had four RBI, Joc Pederson hit two homers and the Los Angeles Dodgers overcame Kenta Maeda's right leg injury to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-4 on Tuesday night.

Maeda (6-4) pitched into the sixth inning before a line drive by Paul Goldschmidt hit him below the knee.

Rockies 13, Yankees 10

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered among his four hits, Trevor Story also went deep and drove in three runs and Colorado beat New York.

Jorge De La Rosa (3-4) scattered three hits to get his first win as a starter in two months. Carlos Estevez worked the ninth for his second save.

Blue Jays 11, Phillies 3

In Toronto, Josh Donaldson hit a grand slam and finished with five RBI, Edwin Encarnacion hit a two-run homer and Toronto routed Philadelphia.

Toronto roughed up Phillies rookie Zach Eflin (0-1) in his major league debut to win for the 11th time in 14 meetings with Philadelphia.

Angels 5, Twins 4

In Anaheim, Johnny Giavotella hit a two-run homer, Kole Calhoun added a solo shot and doubled in another run and Los Angeles beat Minnesota.

Five Angels relievers held the Twins scoreless over the last four innings to secure the victory for Jhoulys Chacin (3-4).

Marlins 5, Padres 2

In San Diego, Jeff Mathis hit a grand slam, Tom Koehler pitched six quality innings and Miami beat San Diego.

Mathis hit his first homer of the year in the first inning, when Miami scored all of its runs off Drew Pomeranz (5-7).

Reds 3, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Jay Bruce had a three-run homer in the first, Brandon Finnegan pitched six strong innings and surging Cincinnati escaped a jam in the ninth to beat weak-hitting Atlanta.

Finnegan (3-4) allowed one run and four hits with three walks.

Oakmont returns US Open reputation as toughest test

OAKMONT, Pa. (AP)— Danny Willett makes his debut in the U.S. Open at Oakmont.

At least the U.S. Open that he grew up watching.

The record will show that Willett first played the U.S. Open in 2014 at Pinehurst No. 2, which had been restored to its original design by replacing the rough with natural sand areas, vegetation and wiregrass bushes. He also played last year at Chambers Bay, with its fine fescue grass that allowed the ball to bounce and roll like on a links course.

Those were a departure from the U.S. Open that over the years had been defined by narrow fairways, thick rough and firm greens.

And that's the definition of Oakmont.

"I'm just looking forward to, I guess, my first U.S. Open on a golf course that I've notoriously watched growing up," Willett said Tuesday. "Back to kind of how people see U.S. Open golf."

Even with rain in the forecast ahead of the opening round Thursday, no one expects a winning score under par.

Defending champion Jordan Spieth played in unusually strong wind on Sunday and said he would have shot no better than 75 and then treated himself to a beer for a fine day of work. Ernie Els, who won at Oakmont in 1994, lamented rough so thick that not even the strongest players would be able to do more than get back into short grass.

The Masters brings excitement as the first major of the year on a course that metes out birdies and bogeys, eagles and double bogeys.

The U.S. Open at Oakmont?

"Trepidation," Rory McIlroy said. "It really depends the venue that you play a U.S. Open at, as well. But yeah, this week it's definitely not excitement. You know you're going to be put under a lot of pressure on basically every single golf shot you hit out there. So you have to be prepared for that. You have to be prepared for how mentally demanding it's going to be, how much concentration you're going to need out there.

"It's the toughest test in golf, and you know that," he said. "And you have to do everything you can to prepare for that and try to do your best."

This isn't the longest U.S. Open course, not even close. Five of the par 4s are under 400 yards, an anomaly in this era of power.

It's no less intimidating.

Branden Grace described the opening hole as "horrible." The closing hole is among the strongest in major championship golf, and Angel Cabrera's tee shot down the middle in 2007 is still celebrated as one of the great drives under pressure in U.S. Open history.

The bunkers remind players of the pot bunkers in links golf, not so much by appearance but in penalty. The greens are reputed to be the fasted in the land.

"Some of the craziest greens I've ever played, and most penal fairway bunkers I've entered," Rickie Fowler said. "It's a fair golf course. You've just got to be on the right side of the hole. You've got to drive the ball well. A lot of characteristics of a typical, tough and hard U.S. Open."

Grace found that out during one of his practice rounds over the weekend.

He was tied for the lead in the U.S. Open last year until hitting his tee shot on the 16th onto the railroad tracks and finishing two shots behind. He thinks he understands the philosophy of this major, so he was cautious in his approach. Safety first at a U.S. Open, right?

"If you lay up or you just go for the safer side to the right side and the pin's tucked in the left, you might be dead," Grace said.

He was playing the 13th hole on his first day of practice on Sunday. The pin was to the right and toward the front. Grace played it about 12 feet beyond the hole and to the left. He got up over his putt and said, "I couldn't keep it inside 20, 25 feet."

The toughest test in golf played on what is called the toughest course in America led to a short vocabulary for most players.

It's going to be tough.

Argentina rolls past Bolivia to win Copa group

SEATTLE (AP)—By the time Lionel Messi checked in at halftime, Erik Lamela, Ezequiel Lavezzi and the rest of his teammates had Argentina well on its way to the top spot in Group D of the Copa America.

Lamela and Lavezzi scored 2 minutes apart early in the first half, Victor Cuesta scored his first international goal later in the half and Argentina dominated Bolivia 3-0 on Tuesday night to be the only team in the entire tournament to win all three group games.

Messi subbed on at the beginning of the second half for his most extensive game action since Barcelona beat Sevilla 2-0 to win the Copa del Rey on May 22.

In the time since, Messi suffered a back injury, testified in his tax fraud trial in Spain and scored a hat trick off the bench in a 5-0 win over Panama last week.

AP

Argentina's Ezequiel Lavezzi, left, and Bolivia's Pedro Azogue fight for the ball during a Copa America Centenario Group D soccer match, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at CenturyLink Field in Seattle.

But the goals came from his teammates as Argentina clinched a matchup with Venezuela in the quarterfinals. And all that dominance came with Messi relaxing on the bench, hearing his name chanted by the crowd throughout the first half as they eagerly anticipated the chance to see the best player of this generation coming off a memorable reserve performance just a few days earlier against Panama.

"People want to see him. People pay all over the world to see him and he has to deal with that," Argentina manager Gerardo Martino said through an interpreter. "Sometimes he has to play and sometimes he has to be on the bench but he has that obligation to follow through for the fans who are paying to be there. He has to live with that."

Argentina is in search of its first major international championship since winning the Copa America in 1993.

"It's time to think about Venezuela," Messi said. "Win that game and advance."

Bolivia last beat Argentina in 2009, but that victory came at nearly 12,000 feet at home in La Paz. At sea level in Seattle, the Bolivians stood no chance.

The closest Messi came to finding the net was a free kick from 30 yards early in the second half that teased the far post but didn't curl enough. Bolivia's Diego Bejarano was Messi's shadow, ignoring anyone else in white with the ball and focusing just on No. 10.

Messi's best moment came in the 77th minute when he was flagged for offside, but continued the play long enough to nutmeg Bolivian goalkeeper Carlos Lampe as he dribbled around the penalty area.

"Regardless of the result, regardless after the first half he knew he was going to play for 45 minutes," Martino said of Messi. "He is growing compared to the last game. The last game he played 30, today 45 and he is feeling more confident. That is what we were going to do regardless."

Bolivia played with a defensive posture all night, but it held for all of 13 minutes until Lamela's free kick deflected off the back of Yasmani Duk and left Lampe moving the wrong direction as the shot found the net.

Two minutes later, Gonzalo Higuain headed down a cross that was saved by Lampe but directed right to Lavezzi who pounded the loose ball into the goal.

And Argentina capped its dominant first half when Lavezzi picked up an assist as his cross was redirected by Cuesta's toe for his first international goal.

Bolivia didn't even attempt to play possession, simply clearing balls out of its own end anytime a pass escaped Argentina's feet. Argentina had 81 percent of the possession in the first half and the only time goalkeeper Sergio Ramos was asked to even move was on the few free kicks Bolivia lofted into the penalty box.

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ua and Jeremiah vs Caleb).

Bradley Demapan had 28 points to lift Gideon to victory over Jeremiah, while Joseph Gatdula was the other double figure scorer for the winning squad. Jeremiah, on the other hand, drew 19 and 17 markers from Isagani Cortez and Michael Cabanas, respectively.

In the second game, Caleb banked on Jo Hernaez, Russell Dequito, Edison Castro, and Gener Lansangan to ease past Joshua. Hernaez had a team-high 19 points, Dequito chipped in 10, while Castro and Lansangan combined for 18 markers.

Mark Puno recorded 13 points for Joshua, which faced a 25-38 deficit at halftime and never made headway in the second half to drop to a 1-2 record.

YOUTH
First Game

Joel 57 — Palino 16, Elchico 14, Ocaya 12, Ocanada 5, Ibanez 4, De Leon 2, Lu, 2, Luke 2.

Jonah 44 — Cruz 18, Cabrera 11, Ponce 6, Bordon 5, Marcelana 2, Wang 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-22, 57-44.

Second Game

Ezra 71 — Santiago 24, Borromeo 16, Sumpay 9, Buno 6, De Leon 5, Hu 5, Jose 2, Guevarra 2, David 2.

Haggai 61 — Wang 20, Irog 11, Del Carmen 9, Alonzo 8, Gonzales 6, Brillo 5, Vergara 2.

Scoring by halves: 37-18, 71-61.

ADULT
First Game

Gideon 65 — Demapan 28, Gatdula 10, Darag 6, Sacdalan 6, Chavez 5, Dalusong 5, Balte 3, De Leon 2.

Jeremiah 58 — Cortez 19, Cabanas 17, Buniag 11, Vergara 5, Gonzaga 4, Conti 2.

Scoring by halves: 34-27, 65-58.

Second Game

Caleb 63 — Hernaez 19, Castro 10, Lansangan 9, Henzon 9, Gabaldon 5, Lizardo 5, Joson 4, Gozon 2.

Joshua 47 — M. Puno 13, Paclibar 11, Omampo 10, Nunez 6, Daluyen 4, N. Puno 4, Cruz 1.

Scoring by halves: 38-25, 63-47.

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the regular season, but took a break since last week to give way to MBC. Selected to play for the host squad were the GSM Brewers' Nokki Saralu, Anthony Tenorio, Byron Kaipat, Pat Alepuyo, and Tyrone Omar; the BSI Aces' Juan, Lamarc, and Mike Iguel, Mike Muna Jr., John Tudela, Verlance Secharmidal, and John Jones Jr; Titanium's Joe Palacios and Brian Camacho, the Falcons' Giovanni Mira and Frankie Lieto, the Yankees' Peter Lieto and Peter Tomokane, and the Chalan Kanoa Bears' A.J., Henry Jr., Jose, and Jeffrey Lizama.

Henry Lizama, also of the Bears, will manage the Commonwealth selection, which will have Manny Sablan of the Brewers and the BSI Aces' Luis Iguel as coaches and the Yankees' Franco Flores as trainer.

Players and team officials were selected last Saturday. All-Star players in the Saipan Little League Baseball program were also considered for the team, but because of some tournament rules and the upcoming Asia Pacific Regional Tournament, they did not make it to the selection, according to Rogolifoi.

After the roster was completed last weekend, the 22 players buckled down to work and started training last Monday. Their will continue to practice next week.

Meanwhile, the three visiting team will start arriving on Saipan on June 21, according to MBC Organizing Committee chair Rose Igitol.

Kosrae has listed a 25-man delegation and players and officials will come in two batches with the first one touching down at Saipan International Airport on June 21 and the second on June 22. They will be billeted at the Sun Palace Hotel. Palau will stay at Aquarius Hotel with its 28-member delegation arriving on Saipan on June 21 and 22, while flight details of Guam team have yet to be announced.

"The technical meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, upon the arrival of all team coaches and managers. Meeting will be at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and tournament details and rules, team rosters will be finalized," Rogolifoi said.

The tournament will implement a two round-robin format with a page system in place for the playoffs, Rogolifoi added. Under the page system rule, the No. 1 and 2 finishers after the preliminary games will battle for the first finals berth. The loser will then duel the winner of the knockout match between the third and fourth-ranked squads for the second and last finals ticket. All matches will be played in nine innings.

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nal Four were Wolphagen and Guam's Kaia Malikooti.

In the girls U14 singles, the CNMI got four of the eight quarterfinals slots with Malika Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, Maria Gregoire, and Asia Raulerson making the grade. Miyawaki came out on top of Group A with her immaculate 3-0 record after downing FSM's Anne Skilling, 6-1, 6-2, while Gregoire took the other playoff berth in the same pool as her 6-2, 6-1 triumph over Guam's Jocelyn Tenai gave her a 2-1 slate.

In Group B, the CNMI also had a 1-2 finish with Raulerson ranked first with her 4-0 card, and Kaga second after earning a 3-1 mark. Raulerson is at the bottom half of the draw for the quarterfinal round and will face Tenai, while Gregoire will square off against FSM's Isabel Garcia. At the upper half, Miyawaki will meet FSM's Tatiana Panuel, while Conatsu will challenge Skilling.

In the boys U14 singles, which follows a round-robin format with the champion to be decided by the final standings once each player completed six games, the CNMI's Robbie Schorr is still ahead with his 3-0 mark, while Ken Song moved up to second with his 3-1 mark after slipping past former second place Tony Kim (2-1), 1-6, 6-4, 10-5, yesterday. Kim dropped to third place, while Guam's Roman Merletti (2-2) is in fourth place and followed by the CNMI's Sean Lee (1-2), Sam Ryu (1-2), and Eugene Park (0-4).

In the boys U16 singles, three Commonwealth bets secured quarterfinals ticket. The list includes Vincent Tudela, Michael Ren, and Steven Goodwin. Tudela finished Group A with a pool best 3-0 mark and will be paired against Palau's Samuel Nillasca in the quarterfinals. Ren and Goodwin, on the other hand, will cross paths in the playoffs as the former topped Group C with his 2-0 record and Goodwin earned an even 1-1 mark in Group A.

In the girls U16 singles, the two CNMI representatives both made it to the semifinals and fortunately they will not face each other in the Final Four. Grace Choi swept her Pool A matches for a 3-0 record and will battle Guam's Anika Sachdev in the semis, while Mimi Sakano will be up against FSM's Sunshine Palik. Sakano ruled Pool B with a similar 3-0 mark to avoid an early collision against Choi.

Doubles results

Sakano and Choi paired in the girls U16 doubles and won their opening games yesterday after sweeping Guam's Alexia Brown and Sachdev, 6-4, 6-4.

In the boys U16, Tudela and Ren are seeded second and automatically advanced to the semis opposite the pair of Guam's James Hourican and Nillasca, while Goodwin and Jeffrey Seo were out of the contention after falling to FSM's Sterkis Abraham and Joab William, 2-6, 0-6.

In the boys U14, Sean Lee and Ken Song and Tony Kim and Robbie Schorr won their opening games against Park and Ryu, 6-2, 6-0, and Merletti and Andy Kim, 6-0, 6-0, respectively. In the girls division, the CNMI pairs of Conatsu Kaga and Miyawaki and Gregoire and Raulerson also prevailed against their respective foes. The U14 doubles in both divisions have round-robin formats.

In the boys U12 doubles, Paik and Woo are in the semifinals along with the tandems of Sachdev and Dakota Gibson, Perez and Jonah Ziegler, and Leng and Thomas Ysrael.

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C Division runners-up Jokers Spartans pose with their trophies during the awards banquet for the Saipan Electronic Darts Association League last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret.

Flame Tree B Division players gather for a photo after getting the runner-up trophies in their category.

Tuesday B Division second placers Jokers Spartans show their trophies.

VFW Dart Vader players win the Fanihi B Division third place trophies.

6JMS Pythons players pose for a photo after receiving their third place trophies in the Masters division.

Members of Jokers 21 Shockers celebrate after getting their third place trophies in the Tuesday B Division.

6JMS Mafia players pose with their A Division fourth place trophies.

The High Out winners receive their trophies.

6JMS Predators members pose for a group photo after winning the second place trophies in the A Division.

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Woo leads playoff qualifiers for CNMI

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Ji Min Woo serves to the Federated States of Micronesia's Jones Neth George during their pool play game in the boys U12 singles event of the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships last Tuesday at the Pacific Islands Club court.

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Ji Min Woo swept his pool play matches to lead the CNMI qualifiers list in the boys U12 singles event in the 2016 North Pacific Regional Championships.

Woo shut down fellow Commonwealth player, Jae Hoon Soon, 6-0, 6-0, yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club courts to finish Group C with a 4-0 record and give the CNMI one of the four quarterfinals berths in the division. Joining Woo in the Round of 8 were Seung Jin Paik, Rintaro Miyawaki, and Richard Steele.

Paik also earned a perfect 4-0 mark in Group D after routing compatriot Andy Kim, 6-0, 6-0, on Day 3 of the regional competition, while Miyawaki placed second in Group B with his 3-1 slate after falling to the Federate States of Micronesia's and top finisher Freddy Jerson, 5-7, 1-6. In Group A, Steele duplicated Miyawaki's 3-1 card after eliminating fellow CNMI player Anthony Gregoire, 6-1, 6-1, yesterday.

Steele and company will play in the quarterfinals today with the former meeting the third-ranked Woo at the bottom half of the draw. Another CNMI vs CNMI Round of 8 tiff will be seen in one of the matches at the top half of the draw with the unranked Miyawaki facing the fourth-seeded Paik. No. 1 seed Andrew Leng of Guam and FSM's Jones Neth George will collide in the other quarterfinal game at the upper half of the draw, while Palau's Ton Lomisang Perez and Jerson complete the pairing.

In the girls division, Coume Kaga and Marielle Lopez made it to the semifinals and unfortunately, they will duel today for one of the two finals tickets. Kaga went unbeaten in Pool A with her 4-0 mark after defeating the fourth-ranked Ridianne Wolphagen of FSM, 6-1, 6-2, yesterday, while Lopez placed second in Pool B after prevailing in the three-way tie against fellow CNMI player Anika Camacho and FSM's Paris Panuelo.

Joining Kaga and Lopez in the Fi-

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CNMI to kick off action in Micronesian Baseball Classic

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The CNMI National Baseball Team will play in the opening game in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic on June 24 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Commonwealth's foe in the opener will be determined via a draw during the technical meeting among the participating teams, according to tournament director Tony Rogolifoi. Guam, Palau, and Kosrae are coming over to Saipan to join the host for the first ever regional tournament.

The CNMI crew is composed of 22 players who are seeing action in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League, which is on the closing stage of the second round of

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The GSM Brewers' Byron Kaipat is among the 22 players suiting up for the CNMI in the Inaugural Micronesian Baseball Classic, which will kick off on June 24 at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Joel, Ezra win debuts in Gen Cup youth

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Joel and Ezra eased their way to victories in the opening day of the youth division of the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Joel defeated Jonah in the curtain-raiser, 57-44, while Ezra also posted a double-digit win over Haggai in the second match, 71-61.

Jerald Santiago led Ezra to its debut victory after scoring a game-high 24 points. Nathan Borromeo backed him up, adding 16, while eight other Ezra players also hit the board in their 10-point win over Haggai.

Teemo Wang had 20 markers to pace Haggai, which had only seven players gracing the team's box scores, including Aaron Irog, who tallied 11. Haggai fell behind early and never recovered, as Santiago and Borromeo led Ezra's offense and they drew enough support from their teammates.

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A Joel player goes up for an acrobatic shot against Jonah defenders during the opening game in the youth division of the Genesis Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, Andrew Palino towed Joel to a good start, making 16 markers. Jonah gunner Jethro Cruz had 18 markers on the losing end.

Meanwhile, the weekdays games in the adults division of the Genesis Cup started last Thursday with Gideon and Caleb prevailing in their respective matches.

Gideon downed Jeremiah, 65-48, to improve to a 2-1 record, the same mark the latter has, bringing to four the tied teams for second place. Caleb, which beat Joshua, 63-47, in the second game last week, and idle Ezekiel also own similar 2-1 marks to place second behind the unbeaten Samuel (3-0). The standings were released pending results of last Tuesday's pair of games (Ezekiel vs Josh-

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